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MMAN (AP) — Two parliament deputies suffered minor injuries hi an automobile accident Monday, according to the lawmakers and their doctors. Deputy Ahmad Al Kofahi and Karaci Al Omari were transferred to Princess Basma Hospital in Irbid after first aid trestment in Jerash. "I feel fine, thank God," said Kofahi from his bossitul room. "The doctors here told us we can leave hospitul with "Osnari, also speaking from hospitul, said the accident took place in Jerush at 9 a.m. (0700 GMT) when his car slid "and I tried to avoid running into other cars coming from the opposite way and we ended up bumping against a huge rock on the side of the street." Both men said they had received a telephone call from His Majesty King Hussein wishing them well.

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Hawatmeh named editor

AMMAN (J.T.) - George Hawminsch, who added the jurthat I make het that Lottly because resigning in 1987, has been named editor-in-chief of the

Hawatmen replaces Dr. Wallet Sadi who stays on at R Jordan Times at a calamiet and an editorial writer. The change took offert Monday.

Hassan II calls for single Maghreb state

TUNIS (Agencies) — The five states of the Arab Magureb Union opened a summit meeting Monday to push ahead with plans for unity that King Hassan II of Morocco said should lead to one country with the same passport and currency.

Attending are host President Zine Al-Abidine Ben Ali-of Tunisia, King Hassan, Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, Algerian President Chadli Benjedich and Mauritagian Foreign Minister Sheikh Sid abmed Ould Babe. representing President Maacaya Sid'ahmed Oukl Taya.

In the opening ceremony at the presidential palace, Hassen pessed the union's rotating presidency to Ben Ali. "Our objective," the king said. "is to make the Arab Maghreb a single country with the same passport, the same identity card and the same cur-

The union was proclaimed in February 1989 in Marrakech, Morocco, as a sort of mini common market, but in its year of existence it has achieved little real economic or political unity. "The Arab Maghreb Union is

only a step on the road towards Arab unity sought in the framework of the Arab League," Ben Ali told the opening session of the summit, which ends Tuesday.

Ben Ali said the immediate economic priority was to achieve "food security" in the Maghreb.

The summit of the Arab Maghreb Union is the largest gathering of heads of state since an emergency Arab summit here in 1979 and it marks the debut of Ben Ali, who came to power in 1988, as the chairman of a regional organisation.

But the arrangements have been a major headache for the Tunisians, who had to postpone the meeting twice, first to accommodate King Hassan and then because Oadhafi said he could not come on the new dates. | secution.

King Hussein asks government to give

priority to solving unemployment

All groups to be involved drafting national pact

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein Monday passed directives to the government encountries the need to involve all political movements in a royal commission which will be entrusted with drawing up a nation-

al charter. The King said the charter should take isto consideration the tenets, of the Jordanian Constitution, according to Prime Minister Mader Bedren.

Bedran, in a statement given to the Jordan News Agency, Petra. after a mooting bold as the Prime Ministry and chaired by the King. said the royal commission would

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were discussed at the meeting. with special attention given to the question of unemployment, Badram told Potra. King Hussein asked that the government give priority to resolving this problem, the prime minister added.

The Ministry of Labour estimates that 20 per cent of the total workforce in Jordan are unamployed and says that tighter controis will be clamped on an estimated 265,000 illegal foreign workers, mainly Egyptian and Syrians, to make room for Jordanians to be employed in various

According to Minister of Labour Qaseem Obeidat, unemployment is now the govern-

ment's main worry. The government hopes that the number of foreign workers in Jordan will be cut from 300,000 to 200,000 by the end of 1990. Obcidat told the Reuters news agency that up to 60,000 Jordanians many welleducated were jobless out of a local workforce of 300,000.

During Monday's meeting at the Prime Ministry, King Hossein was briefed on discussions held by the Lower House of Parisment's financial committee, Bad-

The King issued directives on matters pertaining to the Jordanian Armed Forces and the Arab Cooperation Council, he added.

Israel has seized 2.8m dunums of Palestinian land since 1967 ber 1989, which marked the end

AMMAN (Petra) — The Igracii authorities have confiscated 2,838,358 dummer of Arab land in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip since the start of occupation following the 1967 Arab-isracli war, according to a statement by the Foreign Ministry's Department of Palestinian Affairs in America.

The statement, which summed up lessel's illegal practices in the occupied Arab lands, especially during the intifacts, said that the Israelis had confiscated 45,740 dunums of land in the West Bank in November 1989 alone. Israel also plans to maintain confiscation policies with the sim of settling new Jewish immigrants. Decemof the two years of uprising witnessed an escalation of anti-Israeli protests in the occupied territories countered by stepped up repressive measures against the Palestinian citizens, said the statement. The Israelis, the statement

'taid, tried and sentenced 550 Palestinians to prison terms ranging from several months to 10 years, imposed fines on others, demolished 36 Arab homes and titled 29 Arab citizens in December alone.

The past month also witnessed stepped up Israeli efforts in enlarging Jewish settlements and creating new ones in the occupied Arab lands and the Gaza Strip. So far, Israel has built 174 settlements in the West Bank and 20 others in the Gaza Strip, according to the statement.

It said that the Israelis continued to build annexes to the existing settlements near Jericho and neighbouring regions, and that 300 Jewish families were preparing to move into newlybuilt settlements on the West Bank. In December, the statement added, all schools in the occupied West Bank were closed and the Israeli troops stormed three schools in Bethlehem. evicting students and turning the premises into military positions.



Soviet army officers talk with Azerbaijani activists blocking a road in Azerbaijan.

Baku threatens split with Moscow if soldiers stay

MOSCOW (Agencies) - The Azerbaijani parliament threatened Monday to break with Moscow if the Kremlin did not suspend a state of emergency in

the region and pull out its troops. Parliament met as up to one million mourners jammed the streets of Baku to honour scores killed at the weekend when Soviet troops smashed through barricades manned by Azerbaijani militants.

Across, the republic angry crowds protested against Soviet power, burning Communist Party cards and destroying monuments to state founder Vladimir Lenin. An independent journalist in Baku told Resters the Azerbaijaar parliament, or Supreme Soviet, had invoked a recent local law giving it the notional power to suspend any law passed by Moscow and declared Moscow's

"They have voted to suspend consider a referendum on secession if their demands are not met," said Nazim Ragimov.

"The decision of the Supreme Soviet labels the Kremlin's move as a crime against the Azerbaijani people," said Nadzhav Nadzhavov, of the powerful Popular Front nationalist movement. Ragimov said the lawmakers were prepared to give Moscow up

quell ethnic violence and smash a nationalist revolt. But a journalist with the officiai Azerinform news agency said the parliament could start discussion of a referendum as soon as

to 48 hours to begin pulling out

the troops sent in last week to

Tuesday. There were signs Monday the ethnic bloodshed might be coming to an end.

said high-ranking Armenian and the state of emergency and to Azerbaijani Communist Party and government officials, meeting in the Armenian town of Yeraskh, agreed to withdraw armed groups from areas along the border between their two republics, end shoot-outs and clashes, restore damaged communications lines and resume railway traffic.

> Black banners draped buildings, factory sirens howled, car horns blared and women wailed and tore their hair and clothing in traditional mourning as the bodies of at least 60 "martyrs," as the Azeris are calling them, were carried on biers to the burial

> They were buried in a common grave in a hillside park overlooking Baku, the Soviet Union's fourth biggest city which has survived 1,000 years of turmoil.

state of emergency order void. Israel frees Husseini, probes Weizman

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) - The senior Palestinian leader in the occupied territories, Faisal Al Husseini, was released from prison Monday and accused Prime Minister Yitzbak Shamir of ordering his arrest to bar him from a future Arab peace delegation.

Police freed Husseini, 49, three tiave after his arrest but said they would continue investigating him on suspicion of helping to finance the 25-month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza

israel's attorney general meanwhile ordered police to examine whether Science Minister Ezer Weizman broke the law in contacts with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

The decision comes three weeks after Shamir made similar accusations against Weizman of the Labour Party, forcing Weizman to resign from the decisionmaking inner cabinet.

Weizman cannot be tried unless parliament votes to lift his legislative immunity from pro-

Husseini was freed from the Russian compound lockup downtown Jerusalem after three days of questioning about suspicions that he belonged to a "hostile organisation" and paid 450 to Palestinian activists to buy military uniforms.

Husseini, a resident of Arab Jerusalem, was released on his own recognisance. No charges were filed, but police said the investigation would continue. Several dozen Israeli militants

and parents of fallen soldiers scuffled with Husseini's Palestinian supporters as he left the jail At a later news conference in Arab Jerusalem, Husseini said he was arrested because the Israeli occupation authorities did not want him to participate in a Palestinian delegation that would hold preliminary peace talks with

Isracha in Cairo. Shamir has said he does not want Palestinians from Arab Jerusalem represented in such a delegation because it would undermine Israel's claim to the holy city.

"Mr. Shamir has a problem.

He doesn't want Jerusalem represented in the delegation. He thinks maybe to put Faisal Husseini in jail so he cannot be part of the delegation," Husseini said. "The Israelis know I will continue to work for peace... I hope we are near the stage" of opening peace

talks, he added. It was the first time Husseini publicly confirmed that he wants to serve on the Palestinian de-

 The Cairo meeting is supposed to deal with the Israeli plan to hold elections among the 1.7 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip who would choose representatives for negotiations with Israel on limited Palestinian autonomy.

One of the main sticking points in peace efforts is whether Jerusalem should be on the agenda. Shamir refuses to include Jerusalem as a subject for negotia-

Husseini said Palestinians were willing to accept Jerusalem "as one city, with two capitals, West Jerusalem for Israelis and East Jerusalem for the Palestinians."

He made the remark in Hebrew as part of his longstanding campaign to win over Israeli public opinion to the Palestinian

Despite Shamir's tough stance on the Palestinians, Likud hardliners plan to urge him to drop the elections idea at a meeting of the party's central committee scheduled for Feb. 7.

Industry Minister Ariel Sharon, spearheading Shamir's critics, said on Israel Radio, "If the U.S. says it is involved in other things and has lost is patience to deal with the Middle East, in my opinion Israel has been offered a good opportunity to get out of this dangerous elections idea.

"These elections will bring about a Palestinian state and will only bring bloodshed and war, Sharon added.

Shamir threatened to resign in an interview on Israel army radio. "It is very clear that if the central committee doesn't support me cannot stand at the head of Likud and not at the head of the country," Shamir said.

The Soviet news agency TASS Syria offers troops to dislodge Aoun

DAMASCUS (R) — Syria has again offered troops to Lebanon's President Elias Hrawi to help him oust General Michel Aoun from the Christian enclave and the Lebanese leader has delayed leaving Damascus to hold more talks on ways to extend his authority over all the country.

Officials said Hrawi, who was scheduled to leave Monday. would have further talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad before leaving Tuesday. The two men had nearly five hours of talks Monday after earlier talks Sunday.

Syrian presidential spokesman Joubran Kourieh told Reuters their discussions dealt on ways to strengthen the Lebanese government and all its bodies.

Assad told Hrawi that Damascus was ready to give "any belp requested by Lebanese legitimacy" to extend its authority, the spokesman said.

Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam, who attended the earlier talks, told reporters the use of military force against Aoun was a Lebanese responsibility but Damascus was ready to extend any help if asked.

Kourieh said ways of implementing an Arab-brokered power-sharing peace plan, which was approved by Lebanon's parliament last October, was also discussed during Monday's Officials said a comprehensive

peace plan would be worked out by Lebanese experts in coordination with Syrian officials to extend the government's authority over west Beirut where more than 7,000 Syrian troops are sta-

Sources close to the meeting said Syria agreed to boost the role of the Lebanese army loyal to Hrawi and ensure its smooth deployment in areas now controlled by Syrian troops.

They said Hrawi's troops would replace Syrians in key posts in west Beirut and would take up joint positions with Syrian's around the enclave controlled by Aoun and south of Beirut. But Syrian soldiers would not leave the capital, said one diplomat.

Officials said agreement was reached during the talks to recruit more soldiers for the Lebanese military forces and improve the army's equipment.

The two leaders also discussed in detail how to help people forced to flee because of Lebanon's 14-year-long civil war to return and rebuild their homes regardless of religion or sect. Each family would be granted a 20-year loan to enable them rebuild their houses. This would be

financed by aid from Arab coun-

12 hours or even 24 hours,"

pay a set fee and most of the time escapes censors. But, according to the source, "Jordan would establish a special committee to monitor the programmes and ensure that they are in accordance with our traditions and culture. General guidance will be provided to those in charge.

sion's "limited budget," the services of these channels will be treated as an extra service Although the government

has not yet taken a final decision on introducing cable tele-

duration of its programmes until 11 p.m. in most days to reduce its expenses and remain within the limits of its budget,

Fariz, said earlier this month that JTV would soon be launching a campaign through the media to try to enlist sponsorship from various organisations and local companies for its programmes in the new year to help pay the cost of programmes.

Expulsion of women — another facet of a grand scheme

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - In the shadow of the uprising in the occupied territories. Israel has been quietly carrying out a discrete form of mass transfer of Palestinian women and children from the occupied territories since last June, according to official sources and independent obser-

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Haman rights organisations and Israeli and Palestinian press in the West Bank and Israel estimate the number of women and children aiready "expelled" at 500, All of the expelled women are of Jordanian nationality married to Palestinian men.

Although 500 does not seem to be a large number, the significance of these expulsions is great and dangerous, experts in Palestinian demography say. They estimate that if all non-Palestinian women living in the occupied territories without "qualifying for residence" are to be expelled the mimber could reach 150,000.

After the 1967 war, when Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the occupation forces adopted a policy of allowing wives of Palestinians to join their husbands and live in the occupied territories. According to experts on Pales-

tine, family reunification rights granted by the occupation authorities lasted for only a few years. But wives stayed on and bore children without having residence permits which were not granted by the occupation authorities.

In mid-1988, halfway through the second year of the uprising, Israel lannched a quiet campaign to expel these women, along with their children, according to independent observers who spoke to the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity. Israel is denying residence rights to the women. and expelling them in violation of Geneva conventions which stipulate that an occupying power has no right to expel or deny entry to immediate members of families of residents of the occupied territories.

According to a report written by freelance journalist and peace activist Jerry Levin, Israeli civil rights attorney Lea Tsemel, who is involved in dozens of family reunification cases, was told by an Israeli official that Israel had not realised how many people were coming into the territories until the beginning of the eighties.

They (the occupation anthorities) decided that they had been allowing too many family rounions, and that it was no longer in their interest to do that. From now, they said, they will only grant family reunions to those from whom they (the anthorities) will benefit. And the supreme court agrees," Levin quoted Tsemel as saying.

According to Levin, the move represents a turning point in Israel's occupation of Palestinian land since 1967. The aim of earlier expulsions after the war was almost always getting rid of Palestinian activists and leaders, Levin told the Jordan Times in an interview in

Amman.

"But the target of this new

kind of expulsion has been mainly men, women and children whose lives have been anonymous and politically passive," Levin said. "The motivation seems to be

rooted more in sociology than in politics. The military seems to be trying to instill a kind of pervasive cultural debilitation by inducing excruciating emotional pain, economic disruption, and physical dislocation in the most elemental Palestinian institution :- the tightly knit family unit," Levin writes in his

At first the expelled women were promised by the occupation authorities that they would be allowed to return if they obtain visiting permits. They obtained such permits but not a single woman who tried to return to the West Bank was able to enter, according to the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) Occupied Homeland Office in Amman. All those who tried to return were turned back to Jordan by the Israeli border police at the King Hus-

sein Bridge and blatantly told

that they would never be allowed to enter the occupied territories again.

"After my husband got me a visiting permit after I was thrown out, I went to the bridge and was told by the officer that I was not allowed to enter ever again," Nahla Ahmad from the West Bank town of Arura told the Jordan Times. The methods used by the

occupation authorities to expel the women are very discreet and away from publicity. According to Levin, soldiers equipped with machineguns check West Bank homes late at night and early in the morning to single out women without residence permits.

"Within minutes they are prodding frantic wives, infants, even four-day old babies, the very old, sick, infirm, and pregnant into commandeered taxicabs which are ordered to hustle the frightened passengers to the Jordan River crossing. There they are forced over the bridge into uncertain exile in Jordan," Levin wrote in a report to be distributed in the United States. According to West Bank

lawyer and human rights activist Jonathan Kuttab, "what happened in the past was that they (the occupation authorities) did not use to actually physically load (the people) on trucks and buses and taxis to the border. But now they are. It's a creeping form of forcible transfer that is already starting to take place." PLO Executive Committee member Mohammad Milhem

said this form of transfer was aimed at vacating the land to make room for Jewish immigrants, especially from the Soviet Union, to settle on Arab "The Israelis are trying to

push the Palestinians into Jordan because they want to implement the theory that Jordan is Palestine, and to empty the land to leave room for Soviet Jews — something that His Majesty King Hussein recently warned about," Milhem told

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television come to Jordan By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

Cable

AMMAN — Jordan is holding talks with international television networks on the possibility of introducing cable television services to the public, especially hotels in the Kingdom, informed sources told the Jordan Times Monday.

The sources, who spoke to the Jordan Times on condition of anonymity, said talks had already been held with Cable News Network (CNN) of the United States "to investigate the possibility of extending its services to subscribers in

The services of CNN, a 24hour news service, are already available in Jordan to a number of officials and government departments through special satellite discs but access to these services is restricted and the general public cannot subscribe to the network.

According to one of the sources who is closely involved in the talks, media authorities in the Kingdom are also studying the possibility of opening exclusive television channels for special sports programmes and programmes of interest to the youth, religious programmes as well as movies. The source did not reveal the expected number of additional channels under the plan. These channels would run uninterrupted programmes for

the source said. Cable television is usually provided for subscribers who

In light of the Jordan Televiwhich would only be made available to subscribers.

vision to the public, industry sources expect a very large number of subscribers to race to subscribe if and when it is introduced. According to Jordan Television officials, JTV has cut the

The director of JTV Programmes Department, Ziad

He told the Jordan Times that the Housing Bank and another local company had financed and sponsored a number of programmes telecast earlier by JTV.



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Israeli colonel, 4 others killed in Lebanon battles

SIDON (Agencies) — Abu Nidal Palestinian group claimed responsibility Monday for the boxder attack in which an Israeli army colonel was killed.

A statement by Fateh-Revolutionary Council, the group led by Abu Nidal, said the guerrilla squad was "until now fighting the enemy forces who were deployed in the area."

But, the Israeli army said Israeli infantry and tank forces chased and shot dead the Arab guerrillas responsible Monday.

The Abu Nidal statement said the attack was in retaliation for Friday's Israeli air riads on Palestinian bases and positios of Hizbollah.

Seven people were killed and 18 wounded in the raids, the first Israeli air strikes against targets in Lebanon this year.

Israeli army Colonel Yitzhak Rahimov was killed Sunday in a gun battle with guerrillas who occupied a house in the zone Israel occupies in South Lebanon. He was the highest ranking officer killed since Israel with-

drew the bulk of its military forces from Lebanon in 1985.

The army command said a patrol of the Israeli-trained South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia encountered three guerrillas, who barricaded themselves inside the house near the village of Yaroun, about 1.5 kilometres north of the Israeli border.

Israel army radio said an SLA unit led by Rahimov surrounded the three-storey house. A hand grenade was hurled from the house, and the guerrillas opened up with automatic weapons. Rahimov was shot in the head, it

Troops promptly stormed the three-storey house and found the body of one guerrilla there, said Israel's chief of staff, Dan Shomron. He said it was not certain whether he was killed by Israeli troops or by cover fire from his squad members.

After Sunday's exchange, troops backed by tanks launched lieved had fled the house, the zone.

"A chase has been going on since the early morning hours, and in the end they were discovered and in a short battle they were eliminated," Shomron said

An army announcement said "a fourth guerrilla was sighted in the area and was also killed by the Israel defence forces after a chase." It was not immediately clear whether the fourth guerrilla was in the house at the time of Sunday's ambush.

on Israel army radio Monday.

Sources in Lebanon said the identity of the guerrillas could not be immediately determined.

The clashes occurred in Israel's self-declared "security zone," a four-to-20-kilometre deep strip in South Lebanon designed as a buffer against resistance attacks. The 'security zone," set up in

June 1985, is patrolled jointly by Israeli troops and about 3,000 militiamen from the SLA. Last year, two Israeli soldiers

an overnight search for two other and 12 SLA fighters were killed guerrillas who the soldiers be- in clashes with guerrillas in the

DFLP welcomes ex-Mossad chief's independent proposal

NICOSIA (AP) — A Palestinian guerrilla faction has welcomed a Middle East peace plan devised by a former Israeli intelligence official and said it has "positive points."

The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) said the plan proposed by Shmuel Toledano should be considered a working paper for discussion between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel in the framework of preparations for an international Middle East peace conference.

The DFLP said in a statement sent to the Associated Press in Nicosia that one of the main points of interest in the plan was a survey showing that 60 per cent of Israelis would accept it. "If the plan's survey is close to

the truth, then it should be consi-*dered a sign of change in Israeli public opinion that is worth checking and following up," the statement said.

The peace plan, which calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state in stages, was proposed last week by Toledano, an adviser on Arab affairs to three Israeli premiers and a former official of the Mossad intelligence agency.

Toledano, 66, called on Israel in his plan to declare its willingness to accept a Palestinian state and withdraw from almost all the occupied territory in the West Bank and Gaza Strip within five

He suggested that the PLO end the two-year-old uprising in the occupied zones, halt attacks and recognise Israel, while the neighbouring Arab states should end the state of war against Israel and create special ties with the Jewish

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat has already denounced terrorism and recognised Israel's right to exist in a new peace initiative.

But hardline guerrilla factions, who have serious reservations about Arafat's initiative, have continued to attack Israeli forces. arguing that hitting military targets is legitimate.

PLO 'commitment'

Arafat has reaffirmed the PLO's commitment to a peace settlement with Israel, Oman's Al Watan daily said.

The PLO chairman was quoted as saying in an interview published that it was up to his organisation to decide how to reach a settlement with Israel.

Oman's ruler, Sultan Qaboos, met Arafat Saturday to discuss the stalemated peace process and agreed to upgrade the PLO office in Muscat, opened last year, to an

Arafat, interviewed after his meeting with Qaboos, also stressed that the two-year-old uprising will continue "despite all the human and material losses it faces every day, and despite Israeli obduracy.

He said the reformist movements which have swept Communist governments from power Eastern Europe were "imitating" the uprising that erupted in December 1987. "We are keen to pursue our

peace directive, for it is we who choose the type of battle and the type of fighting," Al Watan quoted Arafat as saying. Israel, while proposing elections for the occupied territories. has refused to any negotiations

on the issue that include PLO

representatives. 'Oil gives power'

Arafat said Sunday increased reliance on Arab oil would give Arabs a bigger say in world politics, the Omani News Agency

reported. "After 1992, the West's needs for Arab oil will become more than any time in the past because of depleting wells in America and declining output from the North Sea," it quoted Arafat as saying before leaving Oman.

Goulding ends talks on fate of Higgins

BEIRUT (AP) - United Nations envoy Marrack Goulding wound up talks with Lebanese government and militia officials Monday on the fate of U.S. marine William Higgins, who was reported hanged by his pro-Iranian kidnappers last summer.

Goulding, an assistant secretary-general, met with Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, the spiritual head of the pro-Iranian Shi'ite Hizbollah, and with Nabih Berri, justice minister and leader of the Secular Shi'ite Amal

Goulding left Beirut for

A source close to the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) said Goulding's meeting with Fadlallah was to "try to ascertain Higgins' fate." Higgins, who headed a U.N.

observer team in South Lebanon, was kidnapped near the southern port of Tyre Feb. 17, 1988. The pro-Iranian Orgamisation of the Oppressed on Earth claimed it killed him last July after Israel kidnapped a The Shi'ite Amal militia last week displayed an underground prison where it said William Higgins was briefly held before his death.

Photo shows an Amai official opening a thick iron door that leads to

Hizbollah sheikh.

the underground prison

U.S. intelligence officials believe Higgins, of Danville, Kentucky, was killed a year earlier in retaliation for a United States warship accidentally shooting down an Iranian civilian airliner over the Gulf, killing all 190 people on board.

Hizbollah is the umbrella organisation grouping several pro-Iranian factions holding most of the 18 Western hostages seized in Lebanon since March 1985.

Goulding, who arrived in Beirut Thursday on a Middle East tour primarily aimed at the renewal of UNIFIL's mandate, had conferred with President Elias Hrawi and Prime Minister Salim Al Hoss ear-

The force of 5,800 troops drawn from nine nations has been deployed in South Lebanon since Israel invaded part of the region in 1978.

Palestinians seek Western help to stem flow of Soviets

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - Palestinian leaders have appealed to Western countries to prevent Israel from resettling thousands of Soviet Jewish immigrants in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In a memorandum to Western consuls-general in Jerusalem made available to Reuters Monday, 26 nationalist leaders from the occupied territories and Arab Jerusalem voiced deep concern at the impending mass migration of Soviet Jews.

"The grotesqueness of the injustice of importing one million Soviet Jews... should not be more blatant than ever, especially while the... forced exile and statelessness of millions of Palestinians is being perpetuated." the statement said.

Signatories included Faisal Al Husseini, Jerusalem Mufti Sheikh Saadeddin Al Alami and two dozen doctors, academics,

businessmen, journalists and trade unionists. Husseini, regarded as the pre-

eminent leader of the 1.7 million Palestinians under Israeli occupation, was released from three days in detention Monday. Citing Israeli Prime Minister

"big Israel" was needed to house Soviet Jews, they called for "practical steps to ensure that no immigrant to Israel will be settled in the occupied territories." "The use of the Soviet Jewish immigration issue as a rationalisa-

Yitzhak Shamir's statement that a

-tion for Israeli entrenchment, territorial expansion and intransigence will inevitably have dis astrous effects on peace in the region," they said. The memorandum said Israel

was attempting demographic and geopolitical changes threatening regional stability. In its latest leaflet, the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas

condemned Moscow for allowing hundreds of thousands of Jews to emigrate to Palestine and appealed to Arab and Muslim states to pressure the Kremlin to reverse its decision. Israeli officials, playing down

Shamir's remarks after sharp criticism by Washington, cited statistics showing only a few immigrants last year settled in the occupied territories. The nationalists' memorandum

criticised the United States for imposing quotas on the admission of Soviet Jews, effectively forcing would-be emigrants to settle in-They also contrasted the mass

Soviet immigration with what they called "Israel's continued policy and efforts at depopulating the occupied territories through deportations, expulsions of Palestinians not registered in Israeli census records and denial of family reunification permits."

pursue any profitable opportunity.

37 held in connection with attack on Algerian court

ALGIERS (Agencies) - Authorities have arrested 37 Muslim fundamentalists in connection with an attack at an Algerian courthouse in which three men died, the French news agency Agence France-Presse (AFP) reported.

An 18-year-old gendarme and two assailants of 15 and 29 years of age died in an exchange of gunfire Tuesday at the courthouse in Blida, a suburb of Algiers, AFP reported.

The attack was claimed by a Shi'ite Muslim association called the Tradition of the Prophet and Islamic Law.

An investigating magistrate Saturday night began questioning the 37 men between the ages of 16 and 20 arrested in the Blida region since Tuesday, AFP said. Four men have already been charged with taking hostages and attack with a deadly weapon, the news agency said.

The attack began in a courtroom where an elderly man was being tried for the murder of his wife. Shouting "Allah Akbar"

and "we are going to kill all of you, enemies of God," the commando closed off the courtroom. taking a number of hostages. Authorities surrounded the

gunfire followed in which the gendarme was killed as well as two members of the commando. including the leader, a 29-yearold student of the Koran. It was not known precisely

what prompted the attack. State Prosecutor Amar Bengarah told a news conference the group planned to wage guerrilla war against the Algerian state and appeared independent of existing Algerian or foreign fundamentalist organisations.

Bengarah, said 18 people including six minors had been identified as members of the new fundamentalist group. Tweleve had now been detained and four were at large.

"For the time being, nothing allows us to say this group belonged to any known political organisation on the Algerian political scene," he said.

The group had planned to attack police stations, the seat of provincial government in Blida and the mayor's office, seize arms and retreat to nearby mountains to wage a guerrilla war. courtroom and an exchange of

> fundamentalist group, the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), condemned the courtroom raid. "We have chosen dialogue. The dialogue has begun and its results have been positive... it is not wise to resort to violence.

The leader of Algeria's largest

This operation is not in the interest of anyone," Abbasi Madani told Retuers. The FIS, which claims three million supporters among the country's 24 million people, has

pledged to work for Islamic law through democratic means. Bengarah named the leader of

the Blida group as Khelil Nacereddine, 30.

APS said that despite his low intelligence Nacereddine put together a group of secondary school students and black market traffickers through his "extraordinary powers of persuasion."

Musa: No dialogue with fundamentalists

ABU DHABI (R) - Egypt's

cleric," the semi-official Al Ittihad quoted Mohammad Abdul Halim Musa as saying.

hardliner sacked by President Hosni Mubarak this month. "I don't recognise anything called a dialogue with the extremist

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

China to launch Arab satellite

BEIJING (AP) — China's Great Wall Foundation has been chosen to launch an Arab communications satellite, the official Xinhua news agency said. The satellite will be launched at the end of 1991 for the Arab Organisation for Satellite Communications, a network that groups Oman, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Morocco, Iraq, Syria and Jordan. Arabsat, as it is also known, already has two satellites in orbit. Xinhua said China's bid was selected at an Arabsat meeting last week, and the choice was announced by Mohammad Shaheed Ismail, director-general of the group's Jordan office. Great Wall is China's commercial satellite-launching venture. It has negotiated several launches in recent years but none has taken off. In December, U.S. President George Bush gave approval for it to launch three U.S.-made satellites over the next two years for Hong Kong and Australian owners. China has sent 25 of its own satellites into space since 1970.

Senior Sudanese politician acquitted

KHARTOUM (AP) — A military court has acquitted a former. Sudanese official of charges of anti-government activities. Idris Al. Banna, a member of the five-man state council that served as Sudan's presidency before it was ousted June 30 by a military coup, was brought before the court accused of publishing a poem criticising the government of Omar Hassan Al Bashir. Security authorities said they seized anti-government leaflets containing the poem last month. But the military court acquitted him for lack of evidence. Banna was sentenced last year by another military court to 40 years in jail after being found guilty of abusing power and nnanciai mismanagement.

34 tonnes of drugs seized in Iran in 1989:

NICOSIA (R) — Iran seized more than 34 tonnes of drugs and smashed 277 trafficking rings in the past 12 months, Tehran Radio reported. Iran executed more than 900 drug dealers last year, many hanged in public after being convicted under a tough anti-drug law which set the death penalty for possession of 30 grammes of heroin or five-kg of opium. Listing the achievements of the law which took effect on Jan. 21, 1989, the deputy commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Committee said 12,000 addicts had also kicked their habit in the period, the radio said. Thousands of addicts were sent to labour camps after a six-month grace period ended in July. Officials say there are one million addicts in Iran, which lies on a major drug route from Afghanistan and Pakistan to Europe.

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Rabin: U.S. to supply tanks to Egypt

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the cabinet Sunday that the United States plans to supply several hundred tanks to Egypt, Israel army radio said. A well-informed Israeli official confirmed the report and said Rabin referred to U.S.-made M60A1 tanks. The official declined to provide any details on delivery date or the number of tanks to be supplied. In Washington, White House spokesman Sean Walsh had no comment and referred the query to Pentagon, where press duty officer Ken Satterfield also declined to comment. The M60 tanks entered service in 1960, and its updated version, the M60A1 with a modified commander's cupola, was introduced in 1962.

Next OiC summit in Dakar, not Cairo

JEDDAH (AP) — The sixth pan-Islamic summit conference will be held in Dakar, Senegal, early next year, a spokesman for the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) said Sunday. The spokesman told the AP: "The venue of the summit was fixed during the fifth Islamic summit held in Kuwait in January 1987 and has not been changed." Gulf newspapers had earlier reported that the Jeddan-based, 46-member organisation would hold its next summit in May in Cairo. The OIC, which seeks to promote solidarity and cooperation among Islamic countries, holds summits every three years. Foreign ministers of the organisation meet once a year. But the next summit has been delayed until next year because Senegal has not been able to make preparations in times.

Israel may build aircraft facility in Illinois

TEL AVIV (R) — State-owned Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) said Sunday it was negotiating with the U.S. state of Illinois to build a helicopter maintenance facility there. "There were indeed discussions and we are hoping for a positive conclusion," IAI spokesman Phil Hermann told Reuters after the negotiations were announced by Illinois Governor Jim Thompson. IAI, which the government hopes to partially privatise, already has an aircraft maintenance facility in Florida and Hermann said the firm would

"I have no intention of opening a dialogue with fundamentalists in Egypt. I am a security man, not

new interior minister has ruled out a dialogue with Muslim fundamentalists, saying he is not a clergyman, a United Arab Emirates (UAE) newspaper reported Monday.

parties, especially when it con-

cerns security in the country," Musa replaced Zaki Badr, a Musa was quoted as saying.

Iran holding families of human rights violation victims

NICOSIA (AP) — The main Iranian opposition group said Monday that the Tehran government was detaining the families of people tortured and executed to prevent them giving testimony to a United Nations human rights

investigator. A United Nations delegation arrived in Tehran Sunday to begin the first major investigation into alleged human rights abuses in Iran since the 1979 revolution. The official Islamic Republic

El Salvador.

News Agency (IRNA), monitored in Nicosia, said the mission was scheduled to meet several senior Iranian officials, but did not identify them. It is led by Reynaldo Galindo

The opposition group Mujahedeen-e-Khalq said in a statement Monday that Iranian security police started several days ago "mass arrest of families of victims of political executions and politial prisoners — who are foremost among witnesses of human rights violations in Iran."

The statement, telexed to the AP from the group's Baghdad headquarters, said the detentions had taken place in Tehran, Bandar-Anzali, Lahijan and other provinncial cities. It said those detained had been warned they would be punished if they spoke to the investigators.

It said police had set up check points in major cities, 150 in Pohl, the U.N. Human Rights Tehran alone, to check the move-Commission's special envoy and ment of people who might want an international law expert from to talk to the U.N. team. The report could not be immediately

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independently confirmed. The U.N. team's arrival

marked a significant breakthrough for human rights campaigners who have long been concerned at abuses in Iran since the revolution. Thousands of people have been reportedly executed since 1979. The U.N. investigation came

amid efforts by President Hashemi Rafsanjani, leader of Iran's so-called pragmatists who was elected July 28, to liberalise Iranian society after a decade of rigid Muslim fundamentalism. Shortly after the U.N. team

arrived, Tehran Radio reported that the head of Iran's judiciary, Ayatoliah Mohammad Yazdi, told a meeting of prison directors in Tehran that all inmates must be treated "with respect and in accordance to Islamic law."

It is not known how many people are behind bars in Iran. But dissident groups claim that thousands of political prisoners are held without trial, languishing in apalling conditions and subjected to torture.

former chairman of parliament's judicial and legal affairs committee appointed judiciary head by Rafsanjani in August, as saying it was the directors' responsibility to "observe and adhere to divine regulations and supervise implementation of prison rules." The Mujahedeen said Yazdi

told the directors to evacuate or hide torture victims if the U.N. investigator inspects the prisons. Tehran invited Galindo Pohl to visit Iran last November, ending its long-standing rejection of allowing in foreign observers to

check its human rights practices. The invitation was extended after Galindo Pohl produced an interim report, based mainly on evidence from Iranian dissidents, that abuses continued unabated after Iran's revolutionary leader. The state radio quoted Yazdi, a Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini,

> died June 3. That report cited 1,700 people "possibly executed" and contained evidence that prisoners were flogged, whipped on soles of their feet with barbed wire, burned with cigarettes, sexually abused, locked up in heated boxes and taken out for mock executions.

Galindo Pohl will submit a report on his findings in Iran to the human rights commission's annual six-week session in Geneva that is scheduled to begin Ian.

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CHURCHES rains especially in the northern and central regions. In Agaba, it will be partly cloudy with northerly fresh wind and calm to wavy sea.

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Supply Ministry warns against price manipulation

AMMAN (Petra) - The Ministry of Supply Monday mixed a stern warning to merchants against manipulating priers of commodities to make quick prolits. The ministry statement mentioned in particular the dried milk imported by the ministry under the trade mark "Helibrers" distributed to various retail and wholesale merchants in forther and said some merchants were selling the milk at priors higher than rates fixed by the ministry.

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The statement urged all citizens to report may sustipulation in prices to the ministry's offices. It said that a kilogramme of the dried milk will continue to be sold

The Ministry of Supply water bosses have abundant stocks of "Halibima" and new contracts have been drawn up for more stroments.

Merchants comminists Jordanian merchants complained Monday that the Ministry of Supply's procedures were delaying the clearance of huge amounts of food supplies, exposing the products to damage in the

"Nearly ID 1 million worth of food supplies imported by the private sector are awaiting ministry approval of their price rates," according to Elia Nugol, president of the Supply Merchants

Four tourist hotels

AMMAN (Petra) - The Minis-try of Tourism is making final - arrangements for announcing a tender for the construction of four tourist hotels in the region of the ancient Nebstean city of Petra in the south.

A ministry official said the total cost of the project was expected to reach ID 6 million. The official said that feasibility studies and terms of the readers

were completed and work on the botels could start before the end of this year.

The official also said that several Jordanian investors had already submitted offers to carry out the project. The four com- tourist sites to inspect services.

pleted hotels are expected to create jobs for 450 people and while under construction no less than 750 people will be employed, according to the official. He said that the four hotels

would have a total of 1,000 beds. The official's remarks coincided with a tour by Minister of Tourism Abdel Karim Al Kabariti of the Jordan Valley region, including the bridges area across the River Jordan.

Kabariti met with the commander of the security forces in the area to discuss difficulties involved in traffic across the bridges and later visited several

Agriculture fund to be established

AMMAN (Petra) - The Arab Agriculture Ministers Council, which met in Tunis last Thursday. has decided to set up a fund to Operate as a specialised agency for agricultural development projects in the Arab World with a \$1 billion capital, according to Minister of Agriculture Suleiman Arabiyat.

Arabiyat, who attended the Tunis meeting, said the fund would be entrusted with financing projects designed to ensure food security for the Arab World. He said the council had issued invitations to all Arab countries to process be controlled and that the contribute to the fund. attitude of the officials at the I

The council also appealed to Arab leaders to hold a summit to discuss the guestion of food security, "to enable the Arab World to avoid food shortages which are expected should the current state of affairs in food production continue," the minis-

He said the council urged Arab countries to increase efforts aimed at resolving the problem of food production at the national and pan-Arab levels through increasing investments in agricultural projects, opening borders for Arab crops and creating an Arab common market.

According to the minsiter, the council allocated \$250,000 to support the agricultural sector in

PLO plans strategy over produce

By James Halaby The Associated Press

AMMAN -- The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) plans to issue its own certificates of origin for Palestinian crops from the Israeli-occupied territories, a PLO official said Monday.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the PLO would meet with Jordan's Foreign Ministry's Department of Palestinian Affairs within weeks to draw up a strategy for the new operation. Crops from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip currently receive Jordanian

certificates of origin when ex-

ported via the Kingdom for exemption from the Arab boycott of Israel.

Agriculture Minister Suleiman Arabiyat said Sunday that the PLO had proposed issuing its own certificates of origin and requested that its representatives in Jordan and Egypt specify a quota for produce exported to Arab markets.

"We welcomed this proposal and we are more than willing to provide our Palestinian brethren with all their wishes to support their steadfastness against oppressive Israeli measures," Arabiyat told the AP in an interview Sunday.

The PLO official said the head of the PLO's political

department, Farouk Kadoumi, reached a preliminary agreement on the new plan with Jordan during a recent visit to the Kingdom.

"According to Jordan's decision to cut links with the West Bank, everything is clear now between us and our Jordanian brethren," the official said. "As a neighbouring country, we have the right to market our products through Jordan whenever we see feasible."

The PLO official said his organisation would continue to use Jordan and Egypt as our main channels to market our products and would use Israeli ports to ship Palestinian goods to Europe.

West Bank vegetables, fruits lower prices in local market

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - As a result of recent measures taken by the Ministry of Agriculture to allow agricultural produce from the Israeli-occupied West Bank to enter the Jordanian market, prices of local agricultural produce have fallen, according to a senior official at the Ministry of Supply.

"Partly because of an increase in agricultural production and in part as a result of an increased presence of West Bank agricultural produce here and in the Gulf, the prices of fruits and vegetables have been lowered," said Radi Ibrahim, secretary-general at the Ministry of Supply.

Ibrahim explained that while at present agriculture produce was "less expensive than in some previous months," prices could not be "fixed" because production was seasonal and thus prices were also seasonal.

Ibrahim said the ministry had no control over recent price increases on local products, including paper products, detergents of various kinds and foodstuffs, since their prices are not set by the ministry.

"Our policy is to control the prices of essential products,' he said. "For example, we

have fixed the price of a certain type of paper tissue. This papet tissue is the most inexpensive in the market because it is made from local raw materials. There are other types of paper tissues — thicker or finer or nicer smelling which are considered luxury items — and we do not put a price ceiling on them," Ibrahim said.

He explained that whether a price ceiling on certain products was placed or not also depends on the number of local producers of the given items. If there are only three industries which produce a certain item then the three producers are more likely to agree on a certain price and impose it on the public. "Depending on how essential the item is, we decide whether it is our responsibility to put a price ceiling on it or not," Ibrahim said.

"If there are 80 companies who are producing the same item they will be forced to compete and are unlikely to go for the maximum profit instead of the minimum profit," the secretary-general argued. "It will be a matter of demand and supply; so we would not interfere," be added.

According to Ibrahim, one problem facing local producers was the fact that they pay for imported raw materials in foreign currency other than the

American dollar. This ultimately raises their cost and the price of the product on the shelf because some producers are getting a subsidised rate for the dollar and not on other currencies which in any case are stronger than the dollar at this time.

"We are trying to determine a fixed percentage for the producers' profit; this is not easy," he said. "At present foodstuffs have a profit margin of 15 per cent and the highest profit margin allowed is 18 per cent. But producers want more pro-

"We study the cost price of the commodity and then we decide what its market price could 'reasonably' be," Ibrahim said.

Asked what the Ministry of Supply was planning to do about future price rises in view of the declining purchasing power, Ibrahim said that work on future pricing policies had already begun.

"The Ministry of Supply, the Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Industry and several parliamentarians are working on a proposal to present to the government (a proposal) to regulate prices according to the needs and justified requirements in this new era. The proposal should be ready in less than a month," Ibrahim said.

Campaign planned to secure more funds for UNRWA

hosting Palestinian refugees have decided to launch an intense campaign with donor states to increase their contributions to the United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine refugees, according to the Jordanian delegation which attended a Tunis meeting of supervisors of refugees affairs in host countries.

The delegation was led by Dr. Ahmad Qatanani, director of the Foreign Ministry's Department of Palestinian Affairs, who presented a detailed report on Israel's measures, including its colonial plans, the Jordanian government's contacts with UN-RWA on matters related to Palestinian refugees, UNRWA's financial position, the mortality rate among refugee children within the UNRWA's financial position, the mortality rate among refugee children within the UN-RWA's fields of operations, the agency's school operations and the continued Jewish immigration to Palestine.

On the last day of the six-day meeting, the conference decided to form a delegation comprising representatives of Jordan, Syria, Egypt and the Arab League secto persuade the Arab countries to ters in the Strip.

AMMAN (J.T.) Arab countries raise their contributions to the 1981 level when it reached 7.73 per cent of the total agency's budget, according to a statement issued at the closing session.

The conference decided to refer the recurrent deficit in UN-RWA's budget to the Arab League and to demand that the Arab League General Secretariat hold contacts with UNRWA Commissioner-General Giorgio Giacomelli to ensure no reduction in the allocations for UN-RWA's programmes, and urge further efforts to raise funds for

the agency. The conference called on Arab countries to initiate contacts with the United States government to reconsider its decision to reduce its contributions to UNRWA.

The statement said that any reduction of services to the refugees was bound to adversely affect the living conditions of the Palestinians. The conference discussed the

question of Israel's exploitation of Arab water resources and its plans to link the Mediterranean with the Red Sea. The final statement said that in view of the danger inherent in such projects the conference would entrust the retariat to tour Arab countries United Nations Committee on and hold talks with Arab govern- the Inalienable Rights of the ments on the question of increas- Palestinian People to prepare a ing their contributions to UN- comprehensive study on the wa-RWA's annual budget to enable ter situation in the Gaza Strip and it to carry out its services to the the adverse effects of Israel's refugees. The delegation will try exploitation of subterranean wa-

Ministry endorses adult education programme

Education Committee in charge carried out in cooperation with of educational development Arab and international organisa-Monday endorsed a programme tions and non-governmental infor the development of curricula and textbooks for adult education in Jordan in implementation of resolutions passed by the first National Educational Conference held in 1987.

The meeting, held under the chairmanship of Minister of Education and Higher Education Mohammad Hamdan, reviewed programmes for illiterates and adults and approved an international plan for the eradication of female students.

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Ministry of illiteracy. The programme is to be stitutions.

According to the director of academic education at the ministry, Hassan Al Usta, the programme is designed to eradicate illiteracy in the Kingdom by the year 2000 in accordance with the 1987 conference resolutions.

At present Jordan offers adult education programme in 502 centres which provide basic education to nearly 9,000 male and

Australia donates mobile hygiene clinic to Jordan

ILO TEAM LEAVES: An International Labour Organisation

(ILO) delegation on a fact-finding mission in the occupied Arab

territories Monday concluded a four-day visit to Jordan during

which it was briefed by representatives of the Ministry of Labour,

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Amman Chamber of Industry

and Commerce, the Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Committee, the

Royal Committee for Jerusalem, and the Office of the Occupied

Homeland Affairs of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

VUONO ENDS VISIT: United States Army Chief of Staff

General Carl Vuono left Amman Monday at the conclusion of a

several-day visit to Jordan during which he was received by His

Majesty King Hussein and Chief of Staff General Fathi Abu Taleb

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

An exhibition entitled "They chose 30 poets" at the French

An art exhibition by Mohammad Al Jaloos at the Royal

LECTURE

A lecture entitled "Coastal Management, example: the Coastal

Zone of Jordan" by Dr. Nejim Al Dein Yousef at the Goethe

AMMAN (J.T.) — Australia Monday presented the Ministry of Labour's Vocational Training Corporation (VIC) with a fully equipped mobile hygiene unit as a gift for the VTC's Occupational Safety and Health Institute.

The gift, which was presented to VTC Director-General Burban Shreideh by Australian Ambassador here Robert Bowker, includes equipment to assess the safety of the working environ-

According to a VTC statement, the unit is able to conduct measurements of temperature, lighting, noise and vibration together with the measurement of specific contaminants such as

dust, fibres, fumes and vapours. The unit is also capable of identifying explosive gas concentrations and assessing the suitabil-

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The director of the Occupational Safety and Health Institute and that the unit was designed to provide the institute with a capacity to serve the whole of Jordan. its equipment complement the main laboratories in which detailed analyses could be conducted when necessary.

According to the statement, the unit will provide facilities for the production and presentation of video-recorded training mate-

rial at remote areas. The institute normally offers training research and industrial consultancy services in occupational safety.

In 1986 Australia offered two institute officials training courses at an Australian centre specialised in industrial safety.

Expulsion of women

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the Jordan Times. In an interview with the Jordan Times last week, King Hussein said that the "daily Israeli practices against Palestinians in the occupied territories, the expulsion of Palestinians and the Israeli intention to settle the expected immigrants all fit into the same Israeli scheme that Jordan is the solution.

"Whom will these thousands of immigrants replace and what will happen to those who will be replaced by these new arrivals?" the King asked.

Kuttab, is quoted as saying in Levin's report that the 'underlying reason for these transfers is purely ideological, based purely on race — the fact their mothers are not Jewish. The whole goal of setting up the state of Israel and its control in this area, of course, is to make NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF it Jewish, and to bring in as many Jews as possible from the Soviet Union and elsewhere.

QASEM BRIEFS SENATE PANEL: Deputy Prime Minister and to exclude or keep out the and Foreign Minister Marwan Qasem Monday briefed the Upper original non-Jewish Palestinian House of Parliament (Senate) Foreign Affairs Committee on people as much as possible." Jordan's political stand towards various general issues as well as Tsemel agrees with the arguchanges in Arab and international arena including the situation in ment: "It is not just harassment Eastern Europe. He also explained the effect of these changes on and brutality. It is policy; it is Arab issues, including Soviet Jewish emigration to Palestine and its transfer policy. They want to effects on the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and Jordanian and Arab get them out. And if they can find a legal way, they will do

> All the expelled women carry temporary Jordanian passports and so many of them are in Jordan waiting to receive visiting permits and try to return to their husbands. In many cases their children were left behind when they were expelled. In Levin's report, Tsemel

it," she is quoted as saying in

the same report.

says that the Israeli supreme court has been saying in recent years that if a Palestinian wants to live with his wife and children he is welcome to leave the occupied lands. "The court goes along with the authorities who say that it is Palestinian policy to overpopulate the West Bank and they must stop it," Tsemel says.

According to Levin, when they were forced to leave many women took their children with them who were listed on their fathers' identification document, which later enabled the children to return and live in . the occupied territories.

One of the expelled women interviewed by Levin in Jordan said that the Israeli officer on the border had torn up her son's permit into little pieces with no explanation, denying the boy of the right to return to

his hometown of Beit Ur. According to Levin, such an act is not merely aimed at humiliating and frustrating the peo-

ple, but carries significance. This move is related to the land. In case of the father's death and the children are not there, they cannot inherit. In time, this would provide a vehicle for the Israelis to confiscate more Arab land," Levin explained.

According to Milhem, the expulsions are also aimed at curbing the uprising.

"The Palestinian men are asked to pay a price if they want the Israeli authorities to grant their wives and children residence permits," he said. "They are asked to lead the Israeli soldiers to where the intifada leaders and activists are hiding and collaborate with them if they want reunification rights. Obviously, the Arabs have proven their loyalty and patriotism to Palestine by accepting the greater price, which is expulsion," he said.

According to Nahla, who was expelled from Arura last August, the Israeli military governor bluntly told her husband to collaborate if he wanted her and his son to remain living in the town.

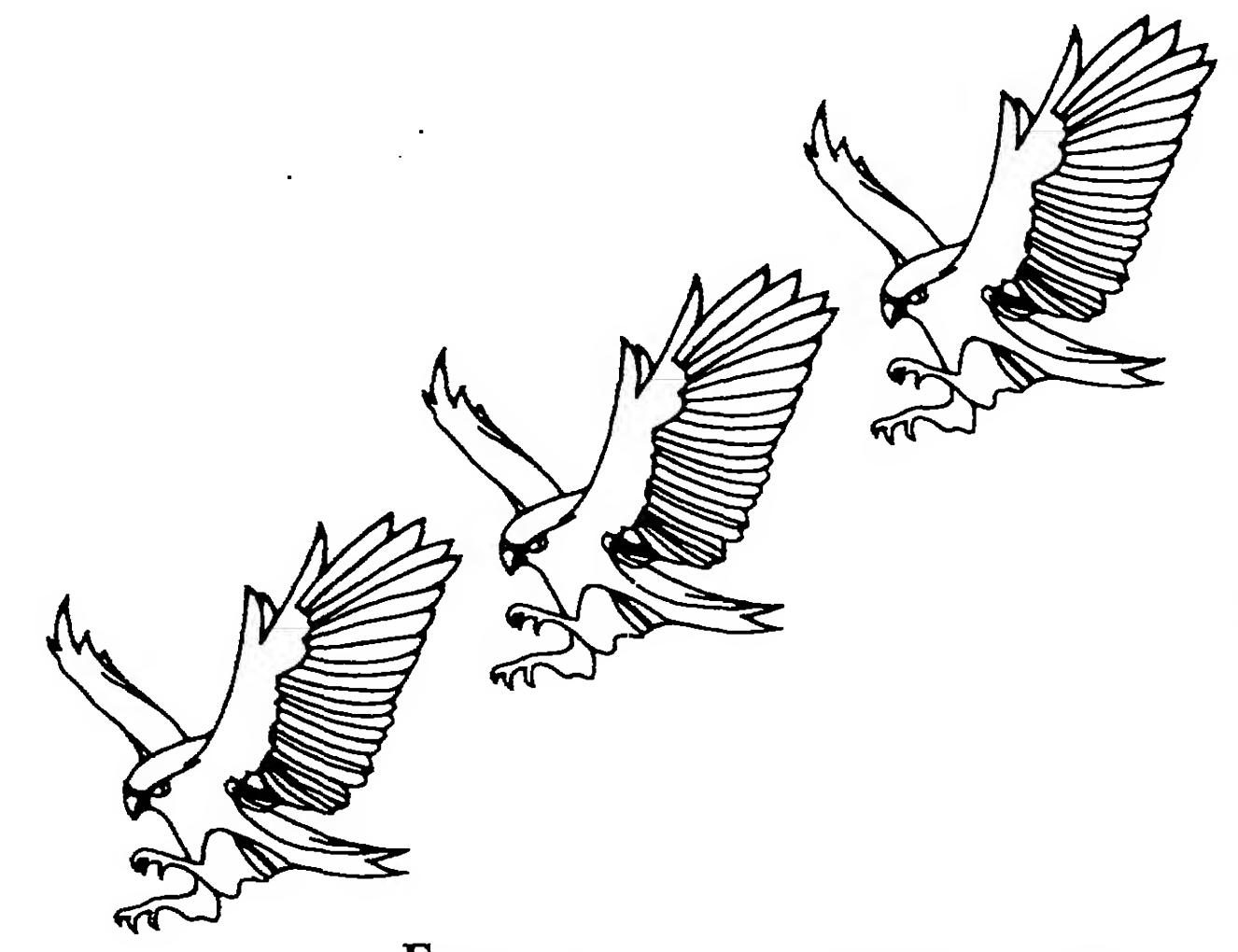
The morning I was forced to leave, the military governor openly told my husband that the only chance we had to enable my son and I to stay was if he would collaborate with them and give them all the information he had about intifada activists. But naturally we refused. So they kicked me out," Nahla said.

Kuttab believes that this method of transfer could escalate. He was quoted by Levin as saying that this phenomenon "is extremely frightening, not only because it potentially can affect tens of thousands of people, but also because it starts in a very subtle way."

"At this stage," Kuttab stated, "it is based on a technical ground: that these people do not have 100 per cent good solid Israeli documents. At a later stage it may apply to individuals who have been accused at one time or another of 'security' offences and who have been issued green ID cards as opposed to the orange ID cards that everybody else has. At a later stage it may apply to entire villages or to entire areas which are viewed as hostile to the occupation, or problematic, or a 'security' threat."

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On the road again

FOR SOMEONE who has not lived through the events of the past two years in Jordan, the change in the political and economic life of the country can only be characterised as remarkable. Not only have there been some big problems with the economy and a dramatic change of government and a freely-elected parliament. There also have been, and more importantly perhaps, a new political spirit and modes of thinking that have given birth to a surge in political freedoms and the right of speech which all citizens enjoy today.

It is in the absence of such a spirit and political atmosphere as it exists today that the Jordanian press had to operate for many years. Gone for ever are those years, but the change is all the more remarkable as far as we in the press are concerned.

It is a new era for us, as it is a new challenge and added responsibility for the whole country. The change that we have witnessed is not an end in itself. It is the beginning of an experiment that we, in the Jordan Times along with the Jordanian media, shall endeavour to push towards success.

We cannot be unaware of the difficulties that lie ahead on the road to building strong institutions and a model state. Nor do we promise to foresee all pitfalls and be able to avoid them. That is not how democracy. is realised, for there is no easy, direct way to it. But since the day it was published nearly fifteen years ago, this newspaper has always done its utmost to be a voice of objectivity, accuracy and reasonableness. We have not always met with success. But we pledge to keep trying. Surely, the new change will be of great help.

- George Hawatmeh



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JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Arabic daily on Monday said the events in Eastern Europe should not be passed unnoticed by the Arab World and everything possible should be done by the Arabs to maintain their traditional friendship with the Eastern as well as the Western European countries. The paper noted that Israel lost no time in sending envoys to the Eastern bloc, trying to improve its image and blaming the Arabs for the uneasy relationship between Eastern Europe and the Jewish state. The Israelis left no moment to be wasted and are continuing to win favour from Europe at the expense of the Arab World, the paper continued. The paper said that Israel and its allies are not only trying to damage the Arab-European relations but also are making arrangements to ensure that all those Jews who leave the Soviet Union will eventually find their way to Israel. The paper said that the chance is still there for the Arab countries to dispatch their foreign ministers to improve relations with the Europeans following the upheaval, and to abort all Israeli attempts to sow seeds of hatred between the Arab Nation and the Eastern European nations.

Al Dustour daily newspaper expressed appreciation to Western European countries, specially the European Community members for their decision to impose limited sanctions on the Jewish state for its continued inhuman practices in the occupied Arab territories. The paper said that unlike the United States which maintains support and all forms of assistance to Israel, the European Community countries have decided to express their dissatisfaction with Israel over its repressive measures against the Palestinian people by restricting their dealings with the Jewish state. We look with respect and appreciation to the European Community action which translates the community's declared position with regard to the Arab-Israeli question, said the paper. Although the European Community's sanctions are regarded as a token form of penalty on the Jewish state, it is hoped that the Europeans will continue to monitor the situation in our area and impose further sanctions on the Jewish state for its human rights violations and its disregard to international principles and laws. the paper added.

Syrians pull back from military option, but standoff continues

By Farouk Nassar The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon's tow rival governments are now at an armed standoff, and the next stage of the conflict may be diplomatic rather than military.

Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun is insisting on his government's legitimacy, though Elias Hrawi was elected president by parliament in November and backed by an Arab League-brokered peace plan.

Hrawi's Syrian supporters have backed off taking military action for the time being against Aoun. Over the past few weeks, the Syrians have quietly withdrawn 15,000 troops from around Aom's Christian enclave porth of Beirut, which comprises less than one-third of Lebanese territory.

Lebanese military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, stressed that Damascus has not abandoned the option of storming Aoun's stronghold with the 40,000 troops and hundreds of tanks in Lebanon.

But Damascus may be counting on diplomatic pressure and internal Christian opposition to Aoun to bring him to heel rather than risk a costly assault that could sharpen divisions and wreck what many see as Lebanon's best prospect for peace since 1975.

The 15,000 Syrian troops were sent in last year to reinforce positions along Beirut's dividing green line and in the mountains southeast and northeast of the

Reporters who toured those areas in recent days found that many of the positions held by the Syrians are now manned by Muslim troops of the fractured Lebanese army and their militia

Aoun is holed up in the Christian enclave with an estimated 20,000 mostly Christian troops. He also occupies the shell-shattered presidential palace in the Christian suburb of Baabda, which he has held since outgoing

him interim premier in Septem-Gemayel appointed Aoun president when parliament was imable to elect a successor. Aoun refuses to surrender the palace to Hrawi, who he does not

President Amin Gemayel named

recognise, claiming he is a "Syrian puppet." Hrawi has dismissed him as army commander and interim prime minister, but he refuses to

step down.

Aoun rejects the peace accord endorsed by Lebanon's parliament last October because it does not provide a timetable for a total Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon. He considers the Syrian forces,

who entered Lebanon in 1976 under an Arab League peacekeeping mandate, to be an army of occupation that sides with the Muslims.

"The Syrians are under heavy international pressure, especially from France and the United States, not to take military action againt Aoun, and they seem to have given up the idea of storming the presidential palace — for the time being, at least," 'a wellinformed source in Muslim west Beirut noted.

"They're seeking to have the Americans, the French and others step up pressure on Aoun to take a more compromising stance. If that fails, they will lobby for international support for military action againt Aoun." The Muslim troops commanded

appointed by Hrawi to replace Aoun, and the Syman-Dacked Muslim militias are not considered to be a match for Aoun's well-armed troops without Syrian firepower to back them up. Aoun's U.S.-trained forces have Amerian and French tanks and artillery, bolstered by Soviet bloc hardware sent by Iraq last

year, including tanks, armoured

vehicles and multi-barreled rock-

Gen. Emile Lahoud,

et launchers. The 22,000 Muslim troops are poorly equipped with aging

Soviet-designed weapons and have generally stayed out of the fighting. Their militia allies are better armed and can mobilise some 20,000 hard-core fighters.

But most are poorly disciplined. The military sources said both sides are getting ammunition supplies in violation of a Sept. 22 cease-fire that ended six months of artillery battles between Aoun's forces and the Syrians mostly civilians.

One of the provisions was a ban on all military supplies to the warring factions by Syria and Iraq, its archival in the Arab

Aoun has received "two or three shiploads" of artillery shells and rockets to replace the large amount of ammunition his forces used up and last year's battles, the sources reported.

Lahoud's forces, who received

100 aging T-54 tanks from Syria last year, are getting ammunition from Damascus, the sources said. It was not known if Aom's new ammunition supplies came from Iraq, which last year provided the Christians with 12 to 18 Sovietdesigned Frog-7 surface-to-surface missiles capable of reaching

That gave the Christians the capability to hit the Syrian capital

Damascus.

given Syria's retaliatory power, the Christians are not likely to launch the Frogs against Damascus except as a last resort.

Hrawi's finance minister, Ali Khalil, is visiting Paris and Washington this week amid reports he is seeking military aid in the confrontation against Aoun. Both sides have launched military recruitment drives, with that killed more than 900 people, Aoun saying women volunteers will be accepted for the first time.

> Aoun, 54, shows no sign of backing down from his crusade to force the Syrians out of Lebanou. The disclosure that he had stashed away \$15 million in French bank accounts touched off allegations of corruption.

Acom said the money had been donated to purchase weapons because Hrawi, elected by parliament in November, had cut offstate funds for his troops.

The scandal bruised Aoun' image of incorruptibility. But he still commands broad support among Lebanon's Maronite Catholics. the dominant Christian sect, and some Muslims who see him as the standard bearer of Lebanese nationalism against Syrian domination.

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Bouhabib. Aoun also faces internal opposition from the Maronite church and right-wing forces. Relations are strained between him and the Lebanese Forces, the main Christian militia he forced to submit to his authority in streets battles more than a year

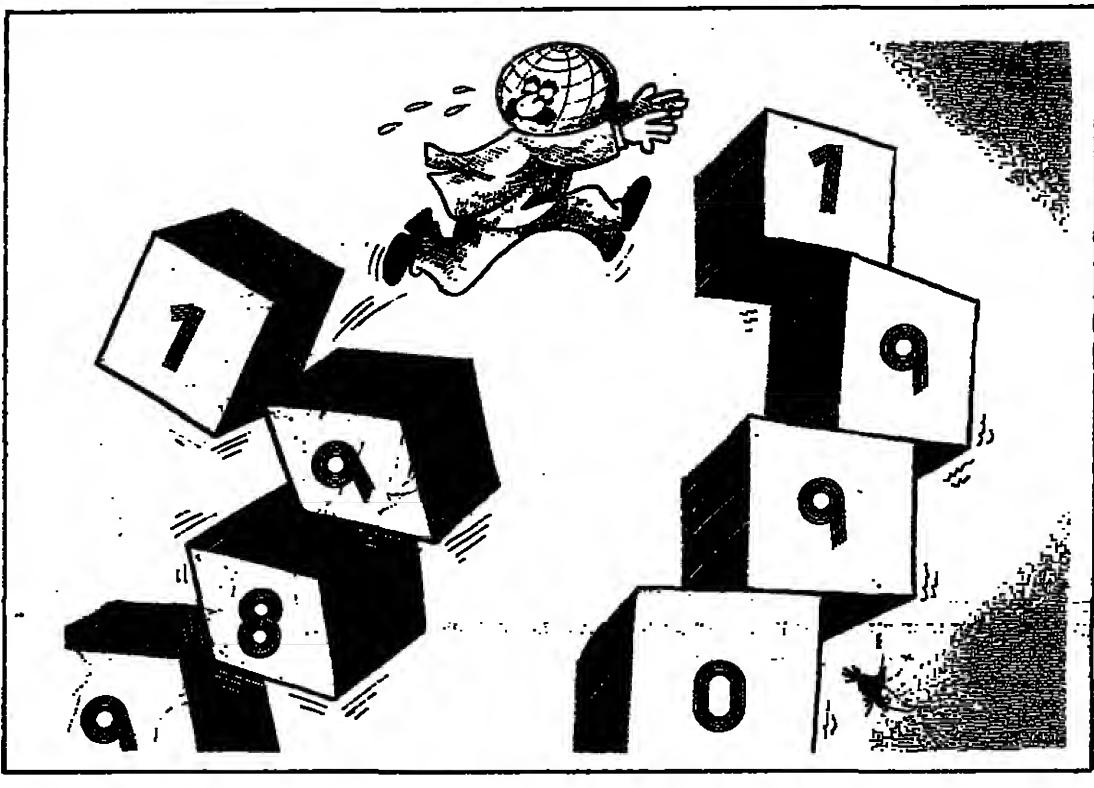
Analysts believe that Aoun will have to crush militia cinefian Samir Geagea, who has the backing of the Christian business community, if he wants to sustain his

But there are also signs of discontent within his forces. Middle and lower echelon officers privately complain about being dragged by Aoun into a conflict that could finalise Lebanon's partition, diplomats said.

Three weeks ago, Aoun arrested a group of officers, ranging in rank from lieutenant colonel to brigadier, for slipping into Muslim west Beirut for talks with Lahoud

On Jan. 3, gunmen tried to assassinate Aoun's military intelligence chief, Lt. Col. Adei Sassin, who escaped unhurt. Aoun claimed the assailants

On the diplomatic front, most were Syrian agents. But informed of Lebanon's 73 embassies and sources said they were proconsulates support Hrawi. The Geagea soldiers in Aoun's com-



Sudan enters 1990s in hands of military junta

By Hamza Hendawi

KHARTOUM - Sudan's military government is vigorously enforcing its authority as the new decade opens.

"The revolution will destroy anyone who stands in its way ...and amputate those who betray the nation," says military strongman General Omar Hassan Al Bashir.

Bashir's 15-man junta seized power from an elected civilian government in a June 1989 coup and assumed authority over almost every aspect of life in Sudan, Africa's largest country and one of the world's poorest with a per capita annual income of \$440.

The 52-year-old devout Muslim, a battle-hardened soldier in Sudan's civil war, became the de facto head of state, prime minister, defence minister and commander-in-chief of the armed

He pledged sweeping reforms, including peace with rebels who have been fighting a bush war since 1983 against what they see as the domination of mainly Christian and animist southern Sudan by the Muslim north: Bashir himself served at least one combat tour against the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

Bashir imposed a state of emergency, suspended the constitution and dissolved parliament, political parties and trade

Diplomats and opposition sources said a wide-scale purge of the civil service carried out by the junta on seizing power was mainly targetted at leftists, perceived by successive Khartoum governments as SPLA sympathisers and the traditional opponents of past military governments.

The London-based human rights group Amnesty International said in December political opponents were being held by the junta as hostages against a possi-

ble popular uprising. Foreign diplomats and opposition sources allege many of the scores of detained junta critics were beaten and families spend

days and sometimes weeks trying to discover where their relatives are being held. Information Minister Ali Sho-

mon categorically denied the reports of the beatings. "It is not in the Sudanese nature to be involved in such actions," he told Reuters.

Opposition sources say scores of trade union members and political activists are banned from travelling.

Doctors, whose outlawed union staged a one-week strike in November, have since been banned from leaving the country except on government-sponsored

A doctor accused of leading the walkout has been sentenced to death and the junta warned that it would strike with an iron fist against any further industrial ac-

Kahrtoum residents say they are stopped by plainclothes policemen who ask them to empty their pockets to check whether they are carrying foreign currency, a crime punishable by death under a law introduced by the iunta in July.

A prominent businessman was hanged in December for illegally possessing foreign currency and at least three others were sentenced to death by military tribunals which convicted them of similar charges.

Khartoum, a mainly slum city of an estimated seven million people, has been under a night curfew since the coup. Tanks still stand outside army

headquarters, the radio and television building and on key bridges.

Bashir has vowed never to allow the return of a multi-party system and recently spoke of an umbrella political organisation effectively a one-party system. Libyan-style popular commit-

tees, established by the junta and

given far-reaching powers, are

said by residents to have taken

the law into their hands in some of Khartoum's poorest districts. The committees, whose authority is said by Bashir to be second only to the junta, have mainly absorbed members of the now-banned National Islamic Front (NIF) party, the diplomats and opposition sources said.

Bashir, whose junta is widely suspected of leaning heavily towards militant Islamic ideology, has repeatedly denied the existence of any link between his government and the NIF, whose leader was freed from jail in December.

Diplomats and opposition sources said the junta's rhetoric political agenda and the wide support it receives from student bodies dominated by the NIF suggested the opposite.

The NIF campaigned for years for a strict implementation of Islamic sharia laws and advocates a hard line on the SPLA rebellion.

The junta and the SPLA held two inconclusive rounds of talks. in Addis Ababa in August 1989 and four months later in Nairobi but they collapsed at the end of the year over the rebels' demand that Islamic law be lifted.

Amnesty International said in a report issued in December that government forces and militias fighting the SPLA on the army's behalf have continued the pattern of human rights violations which existed prior to the June 30 coup. The reports mentioned killings, extra-judicial executions and mysterious disappearances of southerners in the south and in one case in Khartoum.

The junta has not commented publicly on the report, but the government-controlled press has in several articles described Amnesty's findings as lies.

Last week, foreign relief workers and diplomats said tens of thousands of people could starve in southern Sudan because the junta was delaying a relief programme with what they called near-impossible conditions.

Among other demands, they said, the government was insisting that only basic supplies, mainly food and medicines, be sent to SPLA-controlled areas and that plans to improve the administrative and education system in .those areas be cancelled -- conditions they said the SPLA could not accept.

The junta has accused relief workers of smuggling arms and ammunition to the rebels under the cover of aid operations but has failed to produce evidence.

'Invincible' mayor faces toughest test

By Lee Byrd The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Marion Shepilov Barry Jr., mayor of the U.S. capital, used to brag that he was the fellow who hadn't been caught, while many of his chums and associates, even a former wife, had gone to jail.

He had his vices, he acknowledged. But, as he told the Los Angeles Times in a memorable barroom interview just a month, ago: "I'm not stupid enough to have done the things they accuse me of. God gave me a good

"What I have done," he said, "nobody knows about, because I don't get caught."

In that same conversation, Marion Barry, 53, had pronounced himself politically "invincible" after 11 years as mayor. And for a few moments Friday, he seemed just as cocksure when he was led into a federal courtroom to be arraigned on a misdemeanor charge of possession of crack cocaine — the very drug that is the scourge of the city and has turned it into the nation's murder

With a dignified stride, he headed for the table marked "defendant" and, with rock-steady nerves, poured a glass of water to the brim. He teased a courtroom artist, who was focusing on him through tiny binoculars, by encircling his own eyes with his

Then the magistrate noted that, if convicted, Marion Barry could go to jail for a year. Suddenly, the mayor's facial muscles betrayed him. The cool smile vanished, replaced by clenched teeth, perhaps only then had reality sunk in.

Despite numerous allegations of drug abuse, womanising, mysBacked by a city political

machine rivaling that of the late Chicago mayor Richard Daley, few would have ruled out a victory — even with the prospect that Washington's other preeminent black leader, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, was himself eyeing the

No more, Barry, in tears, yielded day-to-day control of the city government on Friday to a deputy, Carol B. Thompson. saying he wanted to devote his time to preparing his defence. The government's case against for cocaine and a videotape that allegedly shows him buying and smoking crack in a hotel room occupied by a longtime girlfriend

who cooperated with the FBL A close adviser to Barry said Saturday the mayor planned to enter a substance abuse treatment programme, and a local television station reported that decisions about whether he would run for reelection were on hold for at least 30 days.

For years, Barry's black supporters - including Jackson, who was a fellow lieutenant in Martin Luther King's civil rights crusade — had lined up behind the mayor when he denied misconduct and swore, time and again, that he had never used drugs. By his account, such reports were generated by a venal white media and a Republican presidential administration eager to reclaim the reins of city government from the black community.

But, while Jackson, rarely at a loss for words, held his tongue over the mayor's arrest, others felt pushed over the brink. Espe-

tery trips and inattention to the cially in the schools, where Barry, city's business, Barry had plan- like Jackson, routinely preached ned to announce his candidacy against the evils of cocaine, the for a fourth term as mayor on sense of betrayal erupted in shouts of pain and despair.

"What makes me so mad is that the mayor is black, representing us, our race," declared Anthony Witcher to his high school history class. "Doesn't he know the stereotypes someone like me already faces? This just makes it worse. I just know it will be

And this, from junior classmate Terri Dantzier: "He goes around telling us not to do drugs, then does them himself. I feel pitiful. And he should be ashamed."

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Among community and politichim includes a positive urine test al allies, the dismay extended to another question as well. That was how a man who prides himself on his intelligence, and who was already under scrutiny for alleged drug use, could have

walked into such a trap? "It raises the Gary Hart question: How can one person be so stupid?" said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman, referring to the former presidential candidate who challenged the media to track his personal life, then spent time with a woman other than his

U.S. attorney Jay Stephens said Barry's arrest at a downtown hotel was "part of the ongoing investigation of a broad range of allegations" against the mayor, dating to the discovery that he had visited a known drug dealer, Charles Lewis, in another hotel a

vear ago. Lewis was sentenced Friday to 15 months in prison for conspiracy to distribute and possess cocaine. He had told the court during his trial that he obtained crack cocaine for Barry on at least three occasions.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

I READ Erwin Frenkel's article in the Jordan Times (January 20) the other day and thought I don't really care for his reasons for resigning as editor of The Jerusalem Post, I was thrilled to read something about the purpose of iournalism. "Journalism" he wrote, "is an

"Journalism," the ex-editor said, 'helps place events in a more explicit context of narrative understanding." He called journalism a "guardian of a public trust." Judging from the positional

enterprise in social judgement."

layout of that article, I presume that the editor also wanted to bring home a few inkling. I do not understand how the

Jordan Times, with years of experience behind it, can, at times, allow the publication of articles that serve only to boost the ego and pride of frivolous writers. I am sure I am not alone when I say that the only English daily newspaper in Amman has become a haven for literary and reporting. hacks whose sole purpose in writ-

Be serious

ing is to see their names published. We are reading material in Open Forums and columns that is insulting to anyone who knows what good writing is.

Forget the grammar and punctuation errors. It is the material and the information and the innuendo that has become unbearable. Most of this stuffy and ostentatious writing is filled with recurrent reference to the seif. i.e. the writer and his/her puerile views. There is an obvious attempt to be original and witty but these things surely must be more subtle and levelheaded. I am reading material in this newspaper that is not much better than school scribbling.

I do not wish to make personal attacks. One article in an Open Forum, however, made a directand insulting verbal assault on the personal opinions of readers. I do not quote directly but it sounded something like this: If you don't like what I'm writing, publish it here. With a word of warning, the impulsive writer went on to say: true minds of its public. I'll attack you back.

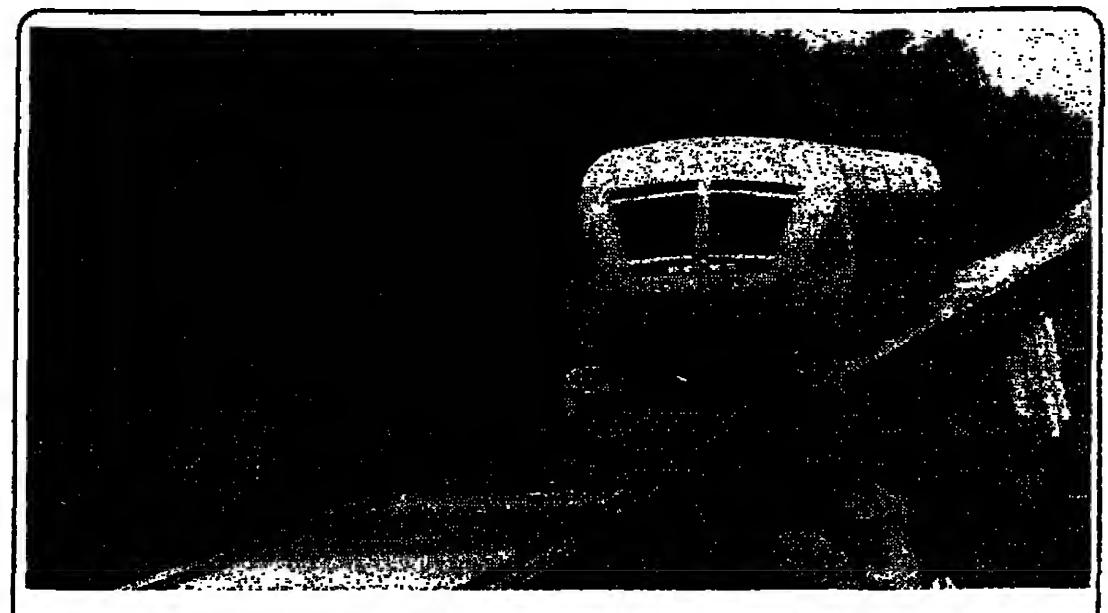
Is this what you call fairminded and reasonable writing?

Does this bizarre writer think she/he can impose witless views on us by telling us that no matter what we think, he/she's got the upper hand? What about the editor? Why did he allow this to be published?

I want to read intelligent and mature opinions even if I don't y agree with them. That is what the editors of the Jordan Times should be looking for. Wellformulated, well-balanced writings that show a deep understanding of social, political or any other matter, and an individualised, thoughtful way of perceiving these matters. Then, we can agree or disagree, but at least we'll be working our brains, not allowing them to rot over pretentions and immature comment-

This newspaper should be more than a "social judgment." It should respect its public by pubhishing material that is worthy of reading; material that is thoughtchallenging and judicious. Until then, it really cannot reflect the

Haya Hasseini





The "Transrapid" the German high-speed hovertrain, recently reached 430 kilometres per hour on the test stretch of track in Emsland. In a few years' time this 'Train of the future' will be

running between Bonn and Essen, linking the Düsseldorf and Cologne/Bonn airports. Photo: DaD/dpa/Messe Düsseldorf).

'Transrapid' makes two airports into one

By K. Rüdiger Durth

BONN (DaD) — The Bonn government has decided on a definite policy for rail traffic in the future. The "Transrapid," the high-speed hovertrain developed by German firms with a speed of up to 500 kilometres per hour, will run on a 100-kilometre stretch of track between Bonn and Essen. From 1996/1997 the Transrapid will link the major airports at Düsseldorf and Cologne/ Bonn with one another. Air passengers will be able to move from one airport to the other within 15 minutes.

The Bonn government has also decided that new track will be laid between Cologne and Frankfurt to take the high-speed Inter-City Experimental (ICE), to be ready for operations by 1991. The ICE will halve the two-hour travelling time needed at present to get to and from these cities. This high-speed track, which will have a stop in Bonn, will create an important stretch of the future high-speed link between Paris and Frankfurt, via Brussels and Cologne, with connections to any number of other destinations.

Heinz Riesenhuber, the Bonn government's Scientific Research Minister, believes that there are great opportunities for the Transrapid, whose development the Bonn government has so far supported with DM1.4 billion. Herr Riesenhuber said: "I see in the high-speed hovertrain an

environmentally-friendly option for future highspeed rail systems, which can make a valuable contribution to the rail network as a whole." "Transrapid" and ICE are mainly designed to relieve the pressure on German air space, making short-haul flights superfluous. At the same time the Bonn government hopes

for good sales of the high-speed hovertrain on world markets. The "Transrapid" is ideally suited for fast connections between cities in sparsely-populated regions. It is not surprising then that there is considerable interest abroad, particularly in the U.S., for this German "Train of the future."

With this decision for the construction of the first stretch for use by the "Transrapid" the two airports, Cologne/Bonn and Düsseldorf, will develop to be almost a single major airport in North Rhine-Westphalia. It should relieve overburdened Frankfurt airport.

The new "Transrapid" will not be built by German Railways, the Bundesbahn. It is more likely that the train will have its own construction and distribution company, which will consist of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, the cities of Cologne, Bonn, Dusseldorf and Essen, the airports and air companies. It is estimated that the construction of the Bonn-Essen track for the 'Transrapid' will cost DM3.2 billion. To this can be added DM400 million for the trains.

Soviet rock opera reflects changing times

By Alan Cooperman
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first Soviet rock opera, a production that dates from the Brezhnev era, has come to New York with the original cast but new optimism.

In the concluding scene, the narrator tells the audience that the opera's Russian hero and his American lover tried to bridge the distance between the two countries with love. The entire cast of 60 then sings "Hallelujah" with such abandon that the tragic finale is all but forgotten.

"Eight years ago, when we sang 'Hallelujah' about a Soviet-American love affair, it was virtually an act of sedition," Yelena Shanina, the lead female singer,

recalls. "Now, it's celebrating a new

Even the name of the opera has changed with the times. To the original title, "Junon and Avos," producers Lucy Jarvis and Pierre Cardin have attached a subtitle: "The Hope."

Whether the good feelings and exotic music will succeed in filling New York's City Centre Theatre for the five-week run is still uncertain. A spokesman said ticket sales were slow before the Jan. 5 opening but have picked up since the first reviews — favourable though not ecstatic — appeared last week.

Regardless of whether the \$2million production is a commercial success, its arrival represents the culmination of an extraordinary political journey.
When it somehow squeaked

past the censors in 1981, the opera caused a sensation in Moscow. Though set in 1806, it contained a thinly disguised caricature of Leonid Brezhnev as a doddering old man with a chest full of medals and a gold mask with huge eyebrows.

That, alone, might have ensured a throng of Soviet theatregoers. But Andrei Vosnesensky, a leading Soviet poet, added two other politically daring elements in his libertto. One was a reverent treatment of religious symbols, including words from the Russian orthodox mass.

The other was an implied message that the Soviet Union shared the blame for an impasse in relations with the United States. That message was expressed through the story of Count Nikolai Rezanov, who courageously sails off to explore trading links with California — then a Spanish colony - and falls in love with the

governor's daughter. "Junon and Avos," named for Rezanov's two ships, ends in tragedy as politics and illness foil Rezanov's mission and separate him from his lover, the beautiful Conchita. She waits 35 years for his return, then enters a convent when she learns he died before obtaining the czar's permission to marry her.

Vosnesensky says the plot is loosely based on historial truth there was, indeed, a Count Rezanov who helped found the Russian-American Trading Co.,

travelled to California in 1806. and died in Siberia on his way

But the rest of the story is pure fiction. Vosnesensky now acknowledges that we conceived it, following the outline of his earlier poem "Avos," as a metaphor for the strained Soviet-American relations of the Brezhnev era.

"My hero, historical Count Rezanov, was not a great fighter for freedom. But I have put in his mouth all the words of our intellectuals," Vosnesensky said in an interview in New York.

"When he says 'the Russian empire is a prison, our audiences understood what I was saying. Now it's okay just to say it. But in 1981 it wasn't okay. So I put the words in Rezanov's mouth — and it worked."

It didn't work right away, however. Vosnesensky and director Marc Zakharov repeatedly modified the opera in an effort to gain permission for it to open at Moscow's Lenin Komsomol Theatre. After the authorities had rebuffed them for the second or third time, Vosnesensky recalls, he began to despair.

"I was worried, but Zakharov said to me, there is one more person I know who can help us.' So I didn't ask questions. I got in his car, we went to the main cathedral of Moscow, and we lit candles to the Virgin Mary."

"I don't know whether maybe Zakharov called someone else that night. But the next morning, "Junon and Avos' was allowed." Timothy Ryback, a Harvard

University researcher who has written a book about rock 'n' roll in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, says that despite official condemnation, rock music had developed a huge following in Russia by the end of the 1960s. Nevertheless, "Junon and Avos" is believed to have been the first

full rock opera publicly staged in

the Soviet Union." Cardin, the French fashion designer who has set up clothing factories in the Soviet Union. heard about the show and asked to see it while on a three-day business trip to Moscow in 1982.

It was not playing that weekend.

So the ministry of culture, eager to please the famous designer and perhaps secure business links with his fashion empire, moved the entire set and company to a vacant theatre 40 kilometres outside Moscow. There, the ministry staged a command performance on little more than a day's notice - much to Cardin's embarrassment. he said.

Enraptured by the music — an eclectic mix of folk melodies, thumping electric guitars and Gregorian chants arranged by contemporary composer Alexei Ribnikov — Cardin decided on the spot to try to bring the show to his Paris theatre, Espace

He says Soviet cultural officials tried to persuade him to take the Bolshoi ballet or the Moscow circus instead, but he held firm and eventually got his wish after appealing to Brezhnev's successor, Yuri Andropov.

"I say I cant to make something young for the young people," Car't recalled. "I tell them the I Ishoi, that is from างในผือน."

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the sea of Japan. Suddenly, Car-

din began to worry about bombings and security. "My friends say to me, 'Pierre, you cannot do this (opera) now. because if you do that, your theatre — poof — bomb'. People were so mad. But I say I make this only for talent, for respect for the Russia. I am not a politician,

Cardin said. Although the Paris production went off without a hitch, Cardin said he hesitated to bring "Junon and Avos" to the United States until superpower relations began to improve under Soviet Presi-

dent Mikhail S. Gorbachev. The arrangements in New York were made by Mrs. Jarvis, a New York television and theatrical producer who took the Broadway musical "Sophisticated Ladies" on a seven-week tour of the Soviet Union in the fall of 1988. She and Cardin say the production might travel in the future to San Francisco and

"I am not a politician," said Cardin. "But maybe with art, you can build something stronger than with politics."

Buffalo makes startling recovery after brush with extinction

By Denis M. Searles The Associated Press

DENVER — There's more capitalism than altruism these days behind the resurgence of the once nearly extinct buffalo — the shaggy animals are easier to raise, fetch more per pound and are lower in fat and cholesterol than beef.

The buffalo, which once roamed the great plains like a moving black fur robe, was hunted for meat and hides in such great numbers that historians say by 1889 fewer than 600 remained. Since 1970, the number of buffalo has doubled in this country to about 60,000, according to the American Bison Association.

About 400 stockmen, ranchers like Brian Ward of Center, now raise buffalo because of a beef market made unstable by American eating habits. Ward runs 1,700 head of his 100,000-acre spread in southern Colorado's San Luis valley and sells about 45,360 kilos of boneless meat a

"We get long winters in this valley," he said. "The buffalo

hide's thicker (than cattle), they got a lot more hair and they eat and tend to be more like wild animals — store fat in the fall and their metabolism slows down in the winter, so they require less

"There are some exciting times. We drive them about 55 kilometres to pasture and back every year cross country. We used to use horses but we use motorcycles now. The buffalo don't charge the cycles as bad as they do horses.'

The price of good buffale breeding stock has doubled in the past five years to about \$1,500 for a young breed cow, twice what a comparable beef cow brings, according to the Denver-based ABA. But buffalo meat also brings twice the price of beef, and it's lean meat. An 85-gram serving has 93 calories, compared to 183 for beef; 43 milligrams of cholesterol, compared to 55 for beef- and 1.8 grams of fat, compared to 8.7 for beef, the association says.

A buffalo cow can bear calves for 30 years or more, while a cow is usually sent to slaughter after

about 10. Stockmen can also sell skulis for \$100 or so, uncured robes for \$6 to 12 a square foot, and mountable heads for \$400 on

The symbol of the American west is an imposing animal. It has a black-brown, shaggy head and cape and short curved black spongy hides be used as leather, and political expediency — to destroy the plains Indians' food In 1872, Col. Richard Irving

new tanning method that let the

Dodge wrote there was "apparently no limit to the number of buffaloes." A year later,

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horns. A mature bull stands more than two metres tall at its hump and weighs 900 kilos.

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he found "myriads of carcasses, the air was foul with a sickening stench and the vast plain, which only 12 short months before teemed with animal life, was a

dead, solidarity putrid plain. Historians estimate 6.3 million buffalo were killed in seven

The plains Indians, whose society depended on the buffalo for food, shelter and clothing, either starved or surrendered. Their lives were so miserable the "ghost dance" cult sprang up, preaching that whites would be buried and the buffalo would return. The army's massacre of 200 Sioux at Wounded Knee at the end of 1890 ended the "ghost dance"

movement. It wasn't until the early 20th century that buffalo preservation became a concern. The newly created American Bison Society and President Teddy Roosevelt were able to convince Congress to set up preserves in Oklahoma and Montana in 1907. By then there were several hundred buffalo in private herds.

"It was the ranchers who really took it upon themselves to save the Bison." said Duane Lammers, president of the ABA. "Some of those early people who wanted to save the buffaloes had Indian heritage, some had Indian wives. It was very important to them to save the bison...

"I think, too, it was just out of

genuine care for them." Buffalo stockmen warn that the bison remains a wild animal, extremely powerful and territorial There is an old saying that you can push a buffalo anywhere it wants to go. Another is never turn your back on a buffalo.

But the advantages are apparent as well. "They are easier to take care of," said Lammers, who runs about 1,000 head on his Triple

Seven ranch in South Dakota "If a storm comes up, I'm not losing sleep over my cattle. With my buffalo, I can just sleep through the night."

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Students want courses in democracy, ouster of bad teachers

By G.G. Labelle The Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania -Romania's revolution moved into university classrooms Tuesday with students demanding an end to courses on Marxism and the dismissal of professors regarded more for their knowledge of Communism than of physics or chemistry.

Notices pasted on doorways at Bucharest's Polytechnic University called for required military courses for women to be dropped and for student votes on the competency of teachers to be introduced.

In dormitories, students sought to get rid of residents suspected of having informed for the deposed government.

The Romanian students' meetings and petitions mirrored the string of public denunciations that have arisen since dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was overthrown Dec. 22 and executed three days later.

Newspapers have denounced 1; everyone in turn, from Ceasescu to the country's current interim leaders and in one case even the head of a small farm cooperative accused of buying a university diploma with 200 pigs.

In the polytechnic's physics department, students were signing petitions Tuesday to demand the ouster of a professor Named Ilie Cucurezeanu.

"In his lectures he started by explaining Communist ideology, but he couldn't explain physics," charged Daniel Florescu, 22, a second-year student from: Bucharest.

Roxana Mitroi, 20, from Romania Moldavia complained that Cucurezeanu often asked students who gave incorrect answers, "What kind of Communist are you?"

Florescu said the second-year physics students had met with the department dean, who promised

to cooperate with them. Dean Juliet Floria said she told

students she would submit their request for Cucurezeanu's dissmisal to the faculty, along with a suggestion that his upcoming exam for second-year students be reviewed by a professorial committee.

"It will be up to the faculty to decide," she said, but added, "we have to answer the students' "

demands.

view. "We don't have to bend our ears to students' talk," he said.

Cucurezeanu took another

Wrapped in a coat and scraf in his sparsely heated office, Cucurezeanu denied he infused his courses with talk of Communism and offered to produce documents from the ministry of education — issued under the old government - testifying to his

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He maintained only secondyear students wanted him fired because they'd become caught up in last month's revolution and had not studied enough for his

"Until now, I never had problems with students," . he said. However, hundreds of signatures on the petitions were from thirdand fourth-year students shot facing Cucurezeanu's exam. Students said that in other departments of the polytechnic, a

sprawling campus with nearly 30,000 students, efforts also were under way to dismiss professor viewed as incompetent or as Communist party apparatchiks.

At Bucharest University, students were making similar moves. There are factions in the language department for and against the

firing of Michaela Ceausescu, a niece of the late dictator, as a professor of Russian. The issue has been submitted to the central administration for a decision.

At the polytechnic, student

Sorin Popao said dormitories were organising to get rid of suspected informers, often nonstudents who lived in the dorms as administrators or staff. "In my dorm, we confronted

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two of them in the hall last night," said Popao, 22, from the town of Baia Mare. "It started with a couple of us

and one of them said, 'no not me,

you people are the informers," Popao related. "But," he continued, 'when a crowd gathered, the same person said, 'the police called me and

asked for information. What

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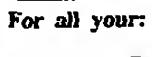
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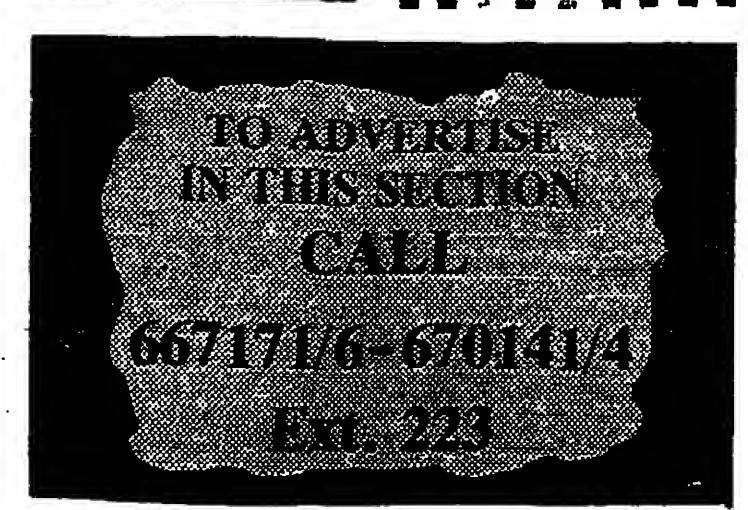
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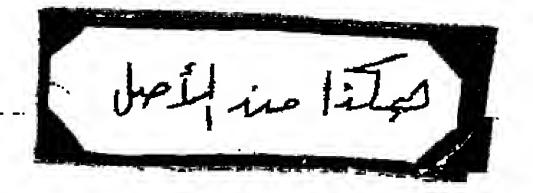
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Jordan potash earnings rise

AMMAN (R) - Jordan's Dead Sea potash industry, aided by firm prices and a lower dinar, boosted earnings and profits in 1989, managing director Ali Ensour said Monday.

Potash, a fertiliser ingredient, accounts for about a fifth of Jordan's visible exports.

F-rour told Reuters the Arab Poush Company (APC) sold 1.25 million tonnes of potash for \$125 million, compared to 1988 sales of 1.3 millions for \$120 million.

Gross profit rose to 38 million dinars (\$57 million) form 14 million (\$21 million) in 1988, when APC made its first profit since production began in 1983.

"We expect to sell 1.35 million tonnes this year and earn \$130 to \$135 million," Ensour said.

The company hoped to recoup accumulated losses of 40 million dinars (\$60 million) by the end of 1990. Dividends would be paid until losses had been covered, Ensour said.

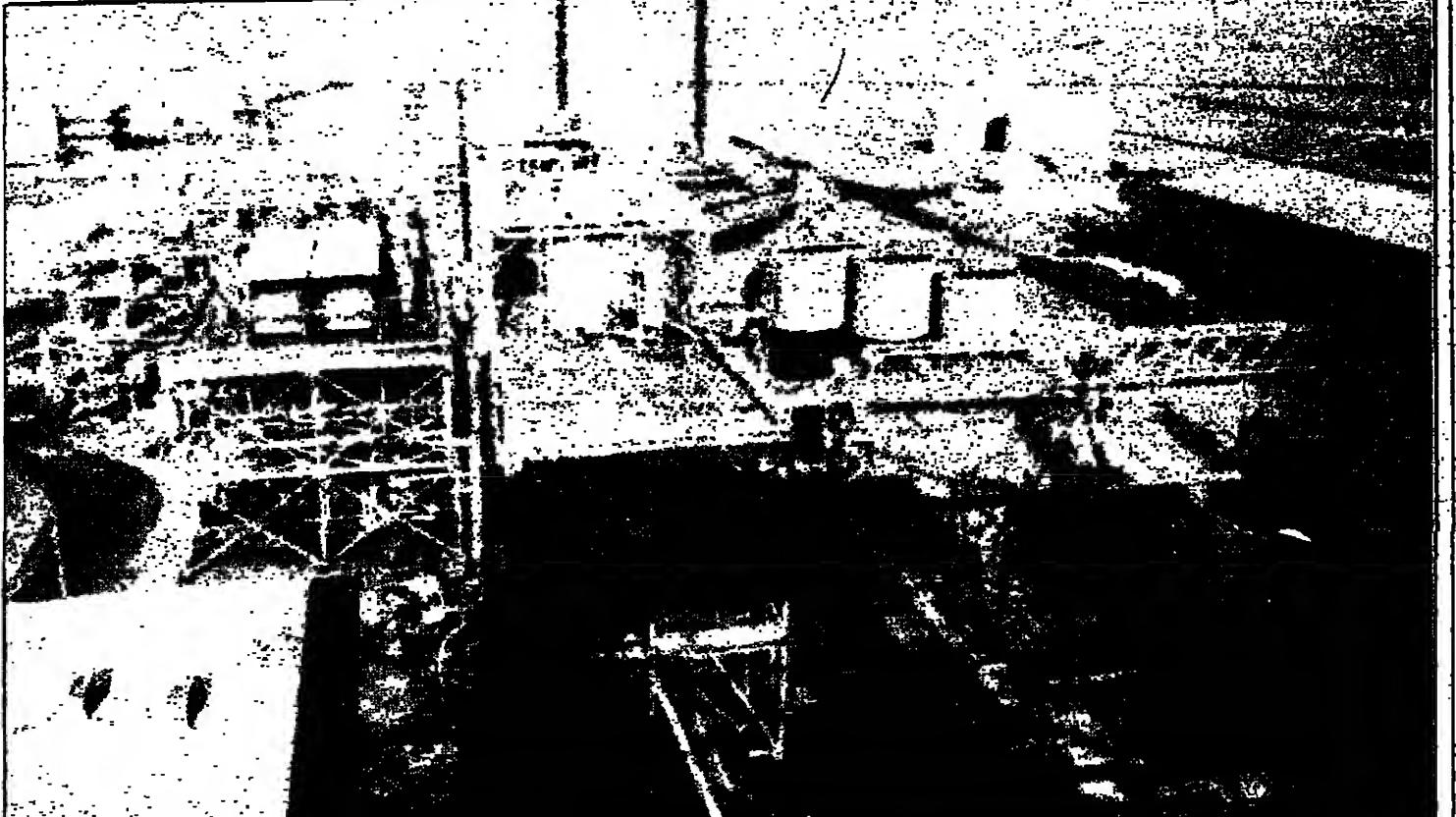
He said the depreciation of the dinar, which lost 26 per cent of its dollar value last year, had swelled dinar profits.

Jordan, which has a 54 per cent stake in the pan-Arab APC, began charging royalties of three dinars a tonne last April, but the debt-laden company remains exempt from tax.

Other APC shareholders include the Arab Mining Company, with 25 per cent, Kuwait, Libya, Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Development Bank.

Ensour said he expected world potash prices, now about \$98 a tonne, to remain firm.

APC is planning to expand production capacity to 1.8 million tonnes a year from 1.4 million over the next three years. The World Bank and Islamic Development Bank are expected to finance about half the \$66 million



The Potash Company plant (file photo)

cost of the project. Pilot plants for cold crystallisation and flotation processes were

Ensour said he hoped for an built in the last two years and expansion to 2.25 million tonnes APC expects to invite bids for a a year by the end of the decade, new refinery line in early 1991.

whether or not plans for related chemical industries on the Dead Sea went ahead.

Iran to legalise moneychangers

NICOSIA (R) — Iran said Sunday it was legalising money changing, outlawed and reiled as a parasitic profession soon after the 1979 Islamic revolution.

The measure announced by the central bank is the latest by President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's government to ease state controls on the economy and promote the private sector.

A statement by the bank read on Tehran radio said prospective money changers who have "general qualifications," a permanent place of business and guarantees of at least 100 million riyals (\$1.4 million at the official exchange rate) may apply for a permit from Saturday.

The policy aimed at regulating the free market in foreign exchange, preventing currency violations and ending street-corner deals, it said.

A London-based Iranian foreign exchange dealer predicted little change as the result of the new policy because other banking services offered by currency dealers before the revolution remain banned.

"We used to keep people's deposits. We bought gold and businessmen's promisory notes,"

Ali Pakpour told Reuters by tele-

"We virtually acted as a building society in Britain. But many of these services are now banned in Iran as usurious," he noted. Pakpour said the open market dollar rose to 1,170 riyals Sunday, a gain of 10 riyals on Saturday and 30 rivals on Thursday, because of tight supplies of foreign

State banks sell dollars to a designated group of businesses for 800 rivals at a "competitive. rate." The official rate, used mainly for state exports of basic goods, is 71 riyals per dollar. Money changers were banned

after the 1979 revolution but the government largely tolerate the foreign exchange black market. Newspapers and officials frequently attack currency dealers as speculators who make huge profits and fuel inflation.

In another area, Iran and China have signed a 10-year agreement for scientific cooperation and transfer of military technology. Tehran radio reported Sunday. Beijing, officially neutral in the Gulf war, sold weapons to Iran during the 1980-88 conflict againt Iraq.

Arab states to launch fund to boost trade

ABU DHABI (R) — Arab states are to set up a fund with private sector help to boost trade between them, the Arab League's monetary chief said Monday.

The fund "will aim to develop national trade among Arab countries and boost competitiveness of Arab exports," Osama Al Faqih, chairman of the Abu Dhabibased Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), said in a lecture.

He said Arab finance and economy ministers would meet in Aba Dhabi is April to launch the fund, which would have capital of \$500 million and operate from the AMF offices.

"We expect it to be successful because it is the first pan-Arab scheme in which the private sector plays a significant part," he

He hoped the new fund, which he will head, would finance trade worth \$1 billion per year at the first and larger sums later.

The AMF would finance half the fund's capital. The Arab Fund for Economic and Social

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Development had agreed to put up \$100 million and Arab central and commercial banks \$50 mil-

The remaining \$100 million would probably be arranged by April, half of it: coming from the Islamic Development Bank.

Fagih said non-Arab banks would be allowed to take part in the fund, which would not cover oil or goods made in non-Arab countries.

Exports by the 21 Arab League states to each other peaked in-1986 at 9.2 per cent of their total exports, falling to 7.4 per cent in

Imports in 1988 were 7.7 per cent of total imports, down from a 1981 peak of 10.3 per cent. Inter-Arab trade totalled \$11.5 billion in 1988.

"The low level of trade among Arab states is among the basic problems facing their economies," Faqih said. "Lack of financing and customs and noncustoms barriers are: among the main reasons."

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ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

GIB to raise paid-in capital

BAHRAIN (R) — Gulf International Bank (GIB), Bahrain's second-largest offshore bank, said Monday it had approved plans to raise its paid-in capital by \$420 million to its authorised level of \$1.06 billion. A bank spokesman said the general assembly of GIB gave the go-ahead to raise the balance of capital from its existing shareholders at a meeting on Jan. 18. Dates and procedures for the move would be set later. The general assembly also studied plans to allocate part of its shares to citizens in the bank's seven owner states, the spokesman said. There were no further details. GIB is owned equally by the governments of Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

New Saudi oilfield seems huge

NICOSIA (R) - A newly-discovered Saudi oilfield yielding high quality, light crude could have recoverable reserves of at least 30 billion barrels, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said Monday. "The feeling in senior Saudi oil circles is that the three discoveries made so far... may be part of a single giant oilfield with recoverable reserves conservatively estimated at 30 billion barrels," the authoritative oil newsletter said. Saudi Arabia's major oil producer Saudi Aramco on Jan. 7 announced it had discovered a new oilfield in central Saudi Arabia yielding a low-sulphur crude. A company statement said a well drilled 123 kilometres southeast of Riyadh at Al-Ragheeb flowed at a rate of 3,650 barrels per day (b/d) with crude and condensates on Jan. 1 Further drilling was planned to investigate the prospects, MEES

Iran allots \$5.7b for oil, gas refineries

NICOSIA (R) — Iran has allotted 400 billion riyals (\$5.7 billion at the official exchange rate) to build oil and gas refineries and a lubricant production unit in the year starting March 21, Tehran radio has said. The money will be spent on oil refineries in Arak and Bandar Abbas, the second phase of Kangan gas refinery on the Gulf coast and the lubricant unit at Isfahan oil refinery. The radio did not say how much of the expenditure would be in foreign exchange. The budget was approved by a board meeting of the National Iranian Oil Company, chaired by President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. The radio, monitored in Cyprus, said Iran would produce all its needs in refined products after the two oil refineries came on stream by March 1994. The lubricant unit, expected to be operative in 14 months time, would save Iran its current motor oil import bill of \$100 million a year.

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Egypt earns \$2.4b from tourism

CAIRO (R) — Egypt earned for the Promotion of Tourism, \$2.4 billion from tourism last year with West Germany the biggest single source of visitors — a flow which could be affected by changes in Eastern Europe.

"For emotional reasons, we expect an increase in inter-European travel in the coming period," Sayyed Moussa, head of the Egyptian General Authority

told Reuters Monday. "But this will not deny other parts in the world their share of world tourism." "Of course, curiosity will drive

large numbers to see this world that has been closed for years. But there will be another flow out of Eastern European countries to the outside world," Moussa said.

Tourism is one of Egypt's main foreign currency earners and last year's revenue showed an increase of 20 per cent over 1988. Government figures show that

2.5 million tourists visited Egypt in 1989 against 1.96 million in 1988. Hotel occupancy ranged between 75 and 80 per cent last About 225,000 tourists came

from West Germany. Moussa believes that Egypt's Pharaonic culture and monuments will remain an irresistible attraction for foreign visitors.

"As long as the first history lesson in schools all over the world is about Egypt's ancient civilisation, its history and culture will always lure people to come," he said.

China assures creditors over repayments

Liu said.

BEDING (Agencies) — China assured foreign banks and governments Monday that it would be able to repay its heavy debts after announcing a dramatically improved trade balance for 1989. "Looking at last year's trade situation, we can guarantee debt servicing over the next few years," Foreign trade ministry

news conference. Servicing China's debt this year. would cost \$7 to \$8 billion, Liu

spokesman Liu Xiangdong told a

said. "China has entered the peak repayment period so we must make the necessary preparations for paying our debts," he said.

China's foreign debts have grown by an average of more than 35 per cent a year since 1985, reaching \$44 billion two months ago, according to latest official figures.

Some foreign bankers have voiced fears that China could be forced to reschedule debt payments because of political instability and its austerity programme that is dragging down economic growth.

Diplomats in Beijing said that for the time being China was able to meet its payment schedule. "China's debt is not large in

comparison with its export earnings. Most people feel they will be able to service their debt without too much trouble," a Western diplomat said.

Sanctions imposed by Western governments banning new official loans in retaliation for the crushing of the pro-democracy movement last June mean China has had little access to fresh funds from the West. Liu said, however, that some

governments, which he declined to identify, had given verbal assurances that the sanctions would be lifted. "We welcome these signs and

developments but we do not have any unrealistic fantasies," Liu In Tokyo, a government offi-

... cial said Japan had decided to

grant loans for projects involving "human needs" that were part of an 810-billion-yen (\$5.6 billion) package promised for 1990 to 1995 and later suspended. Japanese banks are set to resume lending discreetly to China

with the blessing of Japan's ministry of finance, banking sources in Hong Kong said Monday. Japanese bankers in the British

colony said they had received signals recently indicating they would be able to formally to resume lending to Beijing in February. Earlier this month, Washing-

ton said in response to the lifting of martial law in Beijing that it would lift its ban on World Bank loans to China and support human needs projects.

Liu said the sanctions had hurt China but that it was hard to assess the extent.

One result was a drop in Chinese imports because Western companies could not raise government export loans, he said.

China's foreign exchange reserves were \$16.3 billion on Dec. 20 last year, down \$1.2 billion from end-1988.

Exports rose in 1989 by 6.5 per cent to \$43.27 billion while imports fell 3.9 per cent to \$38.27 billion.

ministry figures, China boosted

its trade surplus to \$5 billion in

1989 from \$800 million in 1988,

Each year, China releases two sets of different trade figures. Western economists follow the customs statistics because they are more complete than the foreign trade ministry figures.

Customs statistics showed that in the first 11 months of 1989 China posted a \$6.67 billion deficit, against a \$5.45 billion shortfall in the same 1988 period. The Customs Bureau said imports had increased by 12.6 per cent.

Customs figures for all of 1989 were not yet available. Liu said China's trade with the United States grew by 13.7 per cent in 1989 while trade with Japan fell by five per cent. Trade

with the Soviet Union rose by 28.9 per cent, reflecting improved relations between the communist neighbours. He said trade would develop

steadily and predicted that imports would rebound. He said purchases of some goods, namely inxury and consumer items, would be banned or restricted.

Meanwhile, China's urban unemployment rate reached 2.3 per cent by the end of last year's third quarter as a result of state-mandated cutbacks in construction and spending, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The China Daily said 3.4 mil. northeastern cities.

According to foreign trade lion people were officially listed as waiting for work at the end of October. It quoted Song Changging, chief of the labour and wages division of the state statistical bureau, as saying the total by now "may far surpass" that. The rate for the same period in

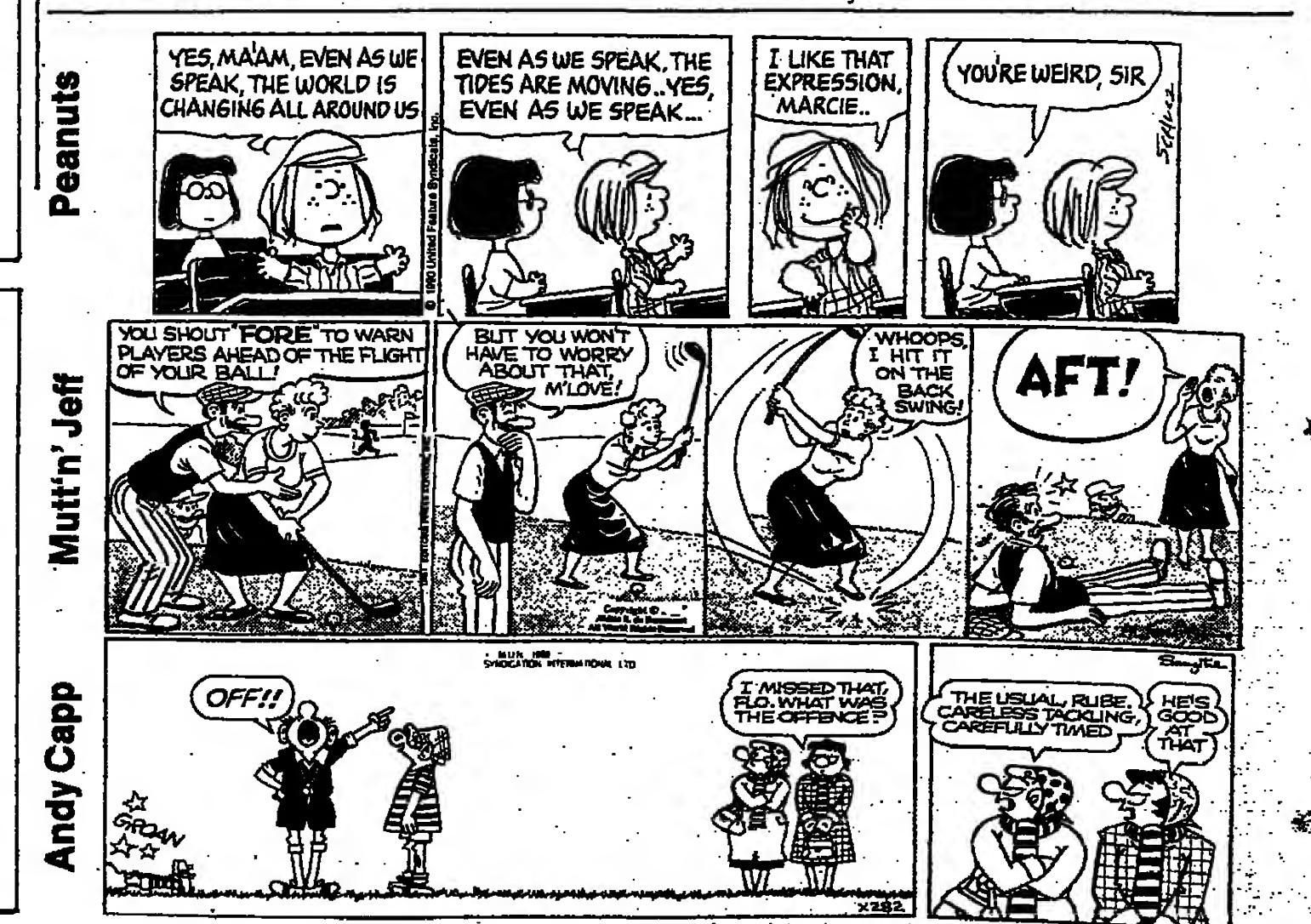
1988 was two per cent.

However, Chinese unemployment figures do not include rural residents, who are considered permanently employed on the land even though millions have left to work in factories in recent years. More than three million rural factories shut down during 1989 due to the government's austerity programme but their former workers are not counted in Song's figures.

His figures also do not include millions of urban workers who were laid off in the last quarter of the year because their factories lacked operating capital. Most receive 70 per cent of their base pay while idle.

However, base pay does not include the bonuses and subsidies that Chinese workers use to make ends meet, and the resultant drop in income caused so much discontent that some cities ordered factories to call the workers back even if there is nothing for them

Chinese sources this winter have reported labour unrest, including petitions asking permission to demonstrate, at factories in Beijing, Shanghai, Chongqing in the southwest and several



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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — A rise in the Tokyo market failed to inspire buyers. The All Ordinaries Index fell 1.6 to 1,672.3.

TOKYO - A growing sense that long-term yen bond yields have peaked encouraged investors. Arbitrage buying boosted the Nikkei Index 420.47 to 37,257.01.

HONG KONG — The Hang Seng index shed 4.64 to close at 1,771.65. Brokers said confidence ws undermined by a blueprint issued over the weekend for the post-1997 constitution, showing China wanted a slow pace in democratic reforms.

SINGAPORE — Selective and rotational buying encouraged by Tokyo's rise dominated moderate trading. The Straits Times Index rose 8.20 to 1.535.41.

BOMBAY — A hike in deposit margins on sales filed to curb the bears. Share prices finished lower. FRANKFURT — Shares slipped from midsession highs on lack of follow-through. The 30-share Dax Index ended up 5.74 at 1779.30.

ZURICH - Swiss shares edged back from a slightly firmer opening in quiet trade. The All-Share Performance Index fell 0.8

to 1,119.4. PARIS — Few investors were taking initiatives before the accounting month ends Tuesday. The CAC-40 index lost 10.13 to 1,927.81.

LONDON - Wall Street depressed a market already lower on gloomy U.K. economic outlook. At 1645 GMT the FTSE index was down 31.6 to 2,303.4. NEW YORK — Dissappointing earnings weighed on shares.

Analysts say Wall Street is oversold but needs buyers to rally. At

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Italian league shrugs off mid-season blues

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WITH Diego Maradona stoping the charms of Napok and Dutch international Marco van Basten delighting in a new-found happiness with AC Milan, the Italian Soccer league seems to be all smiles after a space of winter blues.

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"I score because I'm happy," the European footballer of the year told the Gaztetta Dello Sport paper afterwards.

"I'm a happy man became ! don't have physical problems any more. And if my luck bolds out I can score quite a few more goals," said van Basten, who was ndelised earlier this season because of a cartilage operation on

his knee. Maradona, who picked up his team's second goal in the 41st minute after an own goal by Veroga's Maurizio Iorio pul Napoli za front, was also brimming with satisfaction.

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said, referring to a string of poor results that culminated in his team being boord off the pitch earlier this month. Maradona had himself come in

for a hefty amount of personal criticism as Napoli struggled to heat humble opposition and he was clearly satisfied the bad times were now over. "Napoli's face is no longer

ugly, it's beautiful," he said. Internazionale, second in the standings two points hehind Napoli, were also celebrating victory over Sampdoria, who had been third before the game, thanks to two goals from West German captain Lothar Matthseus - "the unstoppable

Elsewhere in Europe, the joy was more muted. In the Netherlands, gloom roled at the top of the first division as PSV Eindhoven returned from their winter break with a lacklustre 1-1 draw against

second-last BVV Den Bosch. The match was overshadowed by morale problems sparked by 26-year-old Wim Kieft, who wants to leave PSV because he feels neglected in favour of recently acquired strikers Romario of Brazil and Flemming Povisen

of Denmark. "PSV is playing so clinically and with so little pleasure that their performance cannot be



separated from the Kieft affair,

graaf newspaper. The draw put PSV a mere point ahead of Roda, which leapfrogged to second place over Ajax Amsterdam when Ajax vs. Den Haag was postponed due to

wrote the mass circulation Tele-

crowd trouble. Manchester United also had further problems in the English first division by losing 2-0 at Norwich, leaving them just one point outside the relegation zone and behind arch-rivals Manchester City for the first time since

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY JANUARY 23, 1990 By Thomas S Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can put your mind on money matters now and make a special point to let those about you see that you are the one who is concerned with financial aspects and security.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) There will be several projects available now by which to the beauty of your home. Although tempted to do so, this is no time for a change in finances.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You will instinctively know what friends to listen to and join in amusements today. Your creative ideas for making more money are correct so follow them.

GEMINE: (May 21 to June 21) You seek adventure in your free time today, but don't take too-many risks. Unless you are careful you will spread your resources too thin. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You will need to meet with friends quietly to work out trips that are planned. Let your attachment know of your sincere feeling

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Your social life can be whatever you wish to make it today. You need to be better aware of conditions before making investment decisions. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Lend a hand to unfortunate

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persons who are having a difficult time and you will have a pleasant feeling. A private evening with mate restores peace.

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SCORPIO: (October 13 to November 21) You will gain security now by handling all obligations with good common sense. You can solve a personal situation of concern to your mate.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) A very good friend will see that you will have a good time today. Take your attachment with you on trip away from home. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Don't be too hasty in an involvement of a business nature. Look at all the glamorous persons you see, but remain loyal

to your attachment.

AUUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You will be well advised to avoid getting in a fraces with fellow associates today. A successful friend will give you a good idea for increasing leisure time.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You will be able to add to the appearance of your home by changes to it.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN:

Edberg cruises on as Krickstein falls; McEnroe's exit dominates talk at open

MELBOURNE (AP) - John McEnroe, still crazy after all these years, threw his racket and a tantrum Sunday at the Australian Open and became the first player in 27 years to be tossed out of a grand siam event for miscon-

He let himself get rattled by missed shots, close calls and a baby's cries, and after his default. with a 6-1, 4-6, 7-5, 2-4 lead against Mikael Pernfors, McEnroe admitted: "I don't really have anyone to blame but myself."

It was a bizarre chapter in the career of one of the finest players in tennis, a 30-year-old former champion who entered the Australian Open determined to win his first major tournament since the 1984 U.S. Open.

McEnroe was the first player ousted from any grand slam tournament, but officials unearthed two other cases.

Colombian-born Spaniard Willie Alvarez was defaulted from the French championships in 1963 and American Earl Cochell was ousted from the U.S. championships in the 1950s after a prematch altercation with offi-

McEnroe's exit dominated talk at the Australian Open on Monday, overshadowing unseeded David Wheaton's 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, 6-3 victory over fellow American Aaron Krickstein, the fifth seed. who was playing with a groin

joined Wheaton in the quarterfinals by beating fellow Swede Jonas Svensson 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 in a fourth round match.

Defending champions Ivan Lendl and Steffi Graf overcame unusually sloppy play earlier Sunday while American amateur sensation Angelica Gavaldon kept rolling to reach the quarterfinals.

Gavalon, an effervescent 16year-old who entered as a qualifier ranked 192, upset 15th-seed Gigi Fernandez 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, broken.

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Gavaldon, who beat former twotime champion Hana Mandlikova in the third round, next meets West German Claudia Porwik, who beat South African Dinky bad call. van Rensburg 7-6, 3-6, 6-4.

Lendl hit 46 errors yet never was threatened in beating Australian Simon You! 6-1, 6-3, 6-1. Unseeded Soviet Andrei Cherkasov apset number nine Andres Gomez of Ecuador 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (7-5).

Graf started with an ace and ended with another one to notch her 45th straight victory, 6-2, 6-3, over 13th-seed Raffaella Reggi. Helena Sukova, who lost the 1989 finals against Graf, ended the surprising surge of Japan's Kimiko Date 6-4, 6-3.

But the McEnroe episode over-It was originally believed shadowed all other play on

Only two days before, after winning his third match and playing his best tennis in years, McEnroe talked about how important it is for him to keep his temper under control.

Yet all it took for McEnroe to revert to his old ways was a tough match against Pernfors, the Swedish-born two-time collegiate

McEnroe won the first set easily, but as Perniors picked up his game in the second set, McEnroe became increasingly agitated. After netting a short drop shot, he smashed the hall on the ground as if it were an annoying bug.

He smacked another ball after Number three Stefan Edberg a missed forehand and nearly hit a ballboy. He asked for new balls before serving the 10th game, complaining the old ones were dead, but was broken for the set - his third straight break - on Pernfors' backhand volley of a shallow lob.

> McEnroe slammed a ball in the air after a miss in the first game of the third set and almost hit Pernfors in the back, then stalled between shots by pacing angrily behind the baseline. Pernfors, bothered by the tactics, was

McEnroe took a 2-1 lead after an exchange of breaks, but on the changeover be stood in front of a lineswoman he thought made a

Bouncing a ball on his racket and glaring at her in intimidating fashion, McEnroe was hit with a code violation for unsportsmanlike conduct by umpire Gerry Armstrong.

McEnroe argued with Armstrong, then returned to play. finally held service, and went on to take the set.

He seemed to be in control of the match and himself again, but suddenly became distracted by a crying baby while serving the sixth game, with Pernfors ahead

"Give him a drink, the boy's hungry," McEnroe yelled, looking up in the section of the stands where the baby was crying.

Armstrong asked the parents to take the baby out of the stadium, and after the mother and baby left, a fan yelled, "can we breathe, John?"

McEnroe fell behind 15-30 on a wide forehand, then bounced his racket on the court. At deuce. McEnroe hit another forehand wide, then smashed the court again with his racket, cracking the head slightly.

Armstrong called a code violation for racket abuse, and McEnroe responded by swearing at him and asking for Ken Farrar, the grand slam chief of supervisors.

Farrar came onto the court and talked with McEnroe, but the American continued complaining and swearing, his four-letter words clearly audible to nearby fans and television viewers.

Armstrong, with Farrar's approval, called, "code violation, further abuse, default Mr. McEnroe, set match," Farrar later described McEnroe's harangue as the most vile language he'd ever heard in a tennis match.

McEnroe stood with his hands on his hips while the crowd of 15,000 whistled, booed angrily and chanted, "we want McEnroe."

McEnroe simply packed his rackets and left the court. The crowd roared its disapproval for another 15 minutes but left peacefully.

"It's appalling," said Mai Tuohey, one of the screaming

John McEnroe

fans. "He'll never come back to Melbourne again, and I don't blame him."

McEnroe, composed and speaking softly a few minutes later, said his mistake was in not understanding the rules. He thought the rules of last year's grand slam tournaments were in effect — four steps to default rather than three — warning, point, default.

McEnroe acknowledged. though, that he has told about the three-step rule, adopted by the grand slam committee this year from the association of tourna-

ment professionals rules. He didn't apologise for his actions, and said he was surprised by the officials' decision rather than his own behaviour.

"This is like a long story that culminates in me getting defaulted in a big tournament," he

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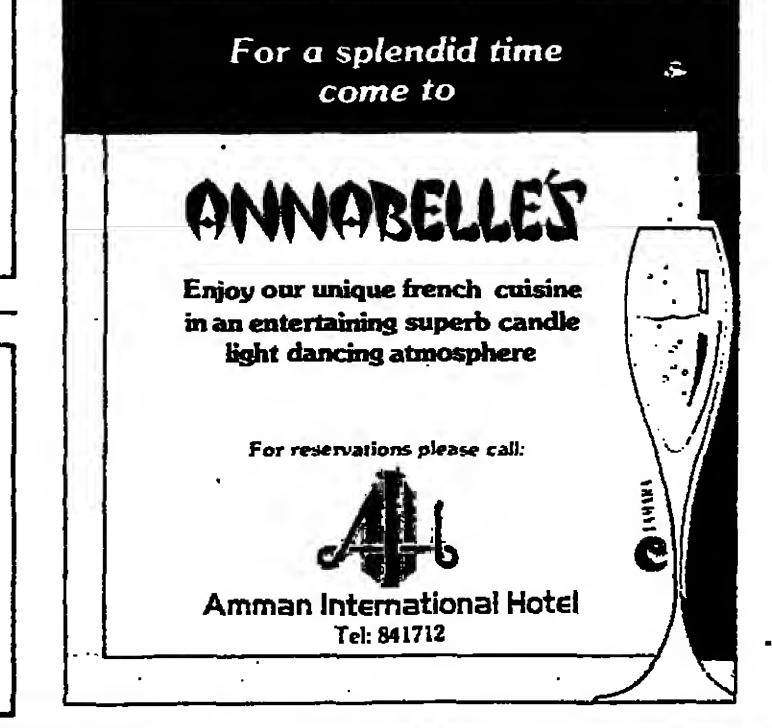
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Violence rages in Kashmir amid Indo-Pakistan talks

SRINAGAR, India (Agencies) — Snipers fired at Indian troops from rooftops, and roving militants defied a curfew to hurl stones at soldiers Monday as the death toll in Kashmir's latest explosion of violence reached 40.

"The whole city is up in revolt," Srinagar Police Inspector General Mohammad Nomani said.

The Islamic militants, who want Kashmir to become independent or merge with neighbouring Pakistan, marched out of homes and mosques in at least three areas of Srinagar as government troops sought to keep everyone off the streets.

One paramilitary policeman was killed by a sniper and one protester was shot to death by the army Monday, Nomani said. He said 38 other people, most

or all of them militants, had died the trouble started late In New Delhi, Pakistani Fore-

ign Minister Yaqub Khan beld talks with the new Indian government on the unrest in Kashmir, officials said.

The Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), the main group fighting Indian rule, called a strike Monday in protest at the weekend violence and Khan's visit, fearing a deal with Delhi for a crackdown on its activities in Pakistan.

The militants have created

near-anarchy in predominantly Hindu India's only Muslimmajority state. Srinagar and other major towns have been under curfew almost continuously for a

India and Pakistan fought two of their three wars since independence in 1947 over Kashmir, a strategic territory wedged between China and Pakistan. It also borders India's Punjab, where thousands have died in a Sikh separatist campaign.

India accuses Pakistan, which controls one-third of resourcerich but cash-poor Kashmir, of aiding militants and turning a blind eye to arms-smuggling across the ceasefire line.

Pakistan denies training or arming the gunmen, a point Khan was expected to hammer home in Monday's talks with India's newly-elected National Front govern-

Indian Foreign Minister Inder Gujral, in a banquet speech welcoming Khan, said pointedly that Pakistan should abide by the 1972 peace accord that settled the last war, in which each promised not to help the other's dissidents. Delhi says Jammu and Kashmir

is part of the Indian union, while Pakistan — and the United Nations - maintain it is disputed territory and should be allowed self-determination through a ple-

The growing violence could easily spin out of control and embroil India and Pakistan in another conflict, the president of Pakistan-controlled Azad (Free) Kashmir said Sunday after meeting Prime Minister Benazir

Sardar Abdul Quyyum Khan said there was a real danger that Kashmiris in the Pakistan army on a United Nations-supervised ceasefire line dividing the disputed Himalayan region could desert with their arms to join the militants.

The ceasefire line snakes through mostly forested mountains where Pakistan and Indian soldiers eye each other from bunkers a few hundred metres

The state government appealed to its employees to donate blood to save the lives of the critically injured. Srinagar's two main hospitals said they received a total of 150 injured people, most suffering from bullet wounds.

Thousands of Muslims took to the streets beginning late Saturday night after government security forces rounded up suspected militants. Nomani said 251 people had been detained in the raids but all except four had been

released in an attempt to ease the situation.

He estimated the militants' strength at 1,500 and said they had at least 1,000 weapons, mostly automatic rifles.

The first killings came late Saturday when paramilitary police fired on a stone-throwing mob. Confrontations continued Sunday.

But as the day were Monday, bands of 50 to 100 men ignored the curfew.

At least 50 people streamed out of one mosque in downtown Srinagar. Some hurled stones at the troops, while others beat their breasts and shouted: "You Indians, go back."

Teenage boys hauled out an Indian flag and shredded it in front of the soldiers. As the stones continued to fly, soldiers opened fire. One demonstrator fell to the street dead.

Heavily armed soldiers guarded government buildings and bridges over the streams running into Dal Lake, once a major attraction for the thousands of Indian and foreign tourists who used to flock to the Kashmir Valley.

Public transport and private antomobiles were banned and gasoline stations were closed out of fear the militants would extract fuel to make firebombs, a police officer said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Roh, Kims to form one party

SEOUL (AP) — President Roh Tae-Woo formally announced Monday that his governing party would be dissolved to create a huge new conservative party in alliance with two moderate

opposition groups. Roh announced the decision on national television after a 10-hour meeting with opposition leaders Kim Young-Sam and Kim Jong-

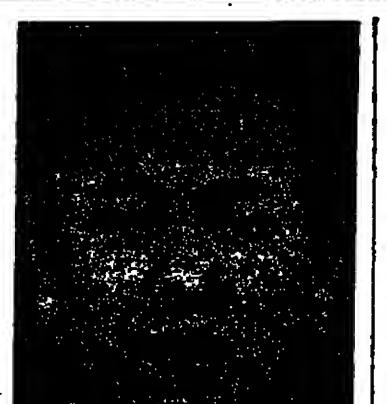
Pil at his office. "We are standing here to open a new historic chapter for democracy, prosperity and national unification," said Roh, flanked by the two Kims, who head the

nation's two major opposition' parties. Roh, looking grim, said the new party, tentatively called the "Democratic Liberal Party," would be inaugurated within six

months and encompass "all centrist, democratic forces." The announcement made no mention of changing the comtry's current presidential government system to a cabinet system,

but officials said the leaders reached full agreement on that. They decided, however, not to announce plans for changing the government structure for the time being to avoid friction with the country's largest opposition party, led by Kim Dae-Jung, officials

Kim Dae-Jung's party vehemently opposed the new conpublic judgment on the change.



Roh Tae-Woo

There also was no mention of leadership, power distribution and the party platform in the announcement. Officials said al details would be discussed in

lower-level joint committee. Roh said he and the two opposition leaders shared the view that South Korea's factionridden politics, based on intense regional factors, must be changed to prepare for national unification and a new political order in the 1990s, with emphasis on dia-

Monday's meeting was arranged after weeks of secret talks, in which the three parties had agreed to merge.

logue and compromise.

Before the meeting, Kim Young-Sam, head of the second largest opposition group, the Reunification Democratic Party said that he, Roh and Kim Jong-Pil would be the new party? temporary co-leaders until it is formaly inaugurated.

party is formally larnched. ceremonial head.

with the declaration Saturday of a 30-day state of siege, diplomats servative alignment, calling it "a Officials said that after the new and opposition sources said. political coup d'etat aimed at Haitian authorities Sunday. holding on to power." He demanwould be headed by a collective arrested at least one more promded immediate elections to seek leadership, with Roh serving as inent figure, Communist Party leader Max Boujeaully, and were

Washington mayor filmed having sex' WASHINGTON (R) -Barry had planned to announce Washington Mayor Marion Barry

was filmed having sex with a fashion model in a police "sting" operation that ended with his arrest on drug charges, a local television station reported. The CBS-affiliated station said

Sunday police videotaped Barry, a former black civil rights leader, having sex with Rasheeda Moore, in a Washington hotel room before both smoked cocaine supplied by a second woman, a federal agent. Moore, a friend of the mayor,

had agreed to take part in the undercover "sting" because she was facing perjury charges at the time, according to the report which quoted rehable sources. The federal prosecutor's office had no comment.

Barry's lawyer said his client, mayor of the U.S. capital for the past 11 years, would not resign. Resignation is not one of the viable options that we will consider," Lawyer R. Kenneth Mundy

Barry, 53, was charged Friday with a single misdemeanour count of possessing "crack" cocaine. Prosecutors said he was videotaped smoking crack and later tested positive for cocaine in blood and urine samples.

There has been speculation Barry's defence might argue that. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents trapped the mayor into buying drugs.

his bid for a fourth four-year term as mayor Sunday, but instead declared he had a problem and would seek help "to heal my body, mind and soul." Barry did not specifically men-

tion drugs in the emotional statement at a church fellowship hall. A public acknowledgement that he had a drug problem could undercut his defence or prospects of a plea bargain, lawyers said. It also could open him to perjury charges for previous testimony denying any drug use to federal grand juries.

Barry has turned over most of his duties to City Administrator Carol Thomson and suspended his reelection campaign to concentrate on his legal defence. Mundy said he thought pro-

secutors endangered Barry's life by allowing him to smoke the drug after they had already apparently collected enough evidence to bring the possession

Federal prosecutor Jay Stephens has acknowledged that the operation at the Vista International hotel, six blocks from the White House, was aimed at

Barry. But he said evidence would show the mayor was "predisposed" to the crime and that this would negative any defence claim that Barry was trapped into doing something he would not otherwise have done.

8 Indian soldiers killed in Jaffna clash

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Eight Indian soldiers and several Tamil rebels were killed in fierce battles at the weekend in Sri Lanka's northern Jaffina district, Indian

diplomats said Monday. spokesman for the Indian high commission (embassy) said members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) attacked troops with rockets and heavy firearms Sunday from houses in a heavily populated area.

A rebel account of the clashes alleged the Tigers were attacked by rival Tamils backed by Indian forces and that several civilians were killed in the fighting. Indian troops had imposed a

curfew at the scene of the fighting at Ariyali, 16 kilometres from Jaffna City, Sri Lankan military sources said. The Indian spokesman said eight soldiers were killed and 10

wounded in the battles. Several militants also died, he said. Tigers issued a statement claiming the Indian troops killed 20 Tamil civilians and destroyed

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Agencies)

- Haiti's military government

has arrested and deported more

political opponents in the second

phase of a crackdown unleased

searching for others on a special

arrest list, foreign diplomats said.

in command, was deported to

Guadeloupe. Louis Roy, one of

the chief architects of Haiti's 1987

constitution, and Gerald Brun, a

leader of the leftist Conacom

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Military officials said the 30-

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machine-gun slaying on Friday

Miami, the source said.

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Political crackdown

continues in Haiti

at least 100 houses in an attempt eliminate Tiger supporters The Indian diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, denied

the Tiger's accusation. Both sides said the clash at Ariyala, 28 kilometres northeast of Colombo, was a serious violation of the cease-fire they had

agreed upon last September. The Indians were on a routine patrol in Ariyala, a Tamil village three kilometres south of Jaffna when they were attacked by Tiger guerrillas, the Indian diplomat

The Tigers, whose statement did not mention any guerrilla casualties, claimed the Indian attacked first, aided by guides from a rival Tamil militant group the Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front.

Indian troops, who entered Sri Lanka in 1987 to help end a Tamil revolt against the Sinhalese-controlled government, have been withdrawing and are scheduled to pull out the last of their troops by

night of an army colonel, his wife

Fearing that they would be

targetted next for arrest, some

anti-government leaders have

All appeared quiet in .Port-in-

Prince, no army patrols could be

seen and transport functioned.

militants have been rounded up,

of the samil radical Jean-Jacques

Dessalines Group, Abby Brun of

the centre-Left Congress of

Democratic Movements Party.

and about 30 militants of that

party, remained in custody Sun-

day, said Moyse Senatus, the

Sylvio Claude, the popular

radical leader of the Haitian

Christian Democratic Party, cal-

led the AP Sunday to say police

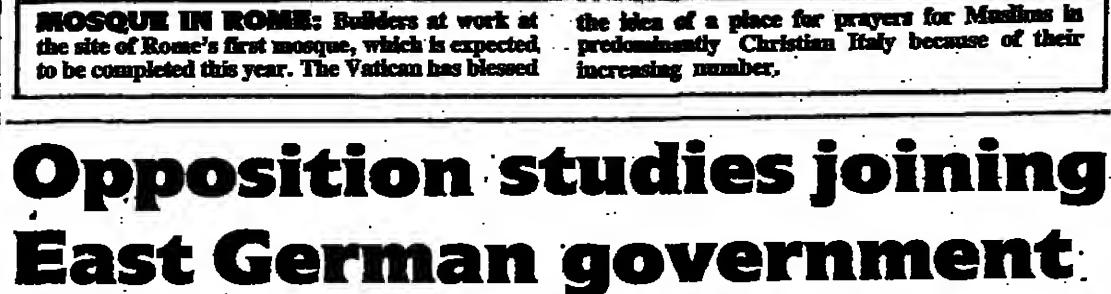
Dozens of political leaders and

Bourjolly, Dr. Sylvian Jolibois

gone into hiding.

according to witnesses.

party's co-leader.



EAST BERLIN (Agencies) East German opposition groups considered Monday joining Prime Minister Hans Modrow's struggling government to help guarantee the country holds its first free elections in 100 days'

Modrow, whose government has lurched from one crisis to another in its nine weeks in office, urged the opposition to join his coalition and said his offer was "not just a friendly

gesture but a reflection of the prevailing conditions." His Communist-led coalition suffered a major setback Monday when Finance Minister Uta Nickel resigned after a criminal investigation was launched against her. She was alleged to have ordered

unspecified illegal payments in a previous job. A Communist economist Nickel was a key figure in Modrow's team not least because of her role in drawing up plans to

reshape the economy by altering taxes and slashing subsidies. "Frau Nickel declared her resignation and I have accepted it." Modrow told round-table talks between the five government parties and a dozen opposition groups at the Nieders-

choenhausen government mansion in the north of East Berlin. At least two groups, the Social Democrats and Democratic Awakening, said they thought the entire round-table effectively should become the government in an emergency as long as the

conditions were set in advance. Modrow said he was prepared to start talks Wednesday to lay down the ground rules for a grand coalition.

"It will not just be a question of

me offering you posts and you having to be satisfied," he said, adding that a grand coalition would help speed up reforms

because everyone would be in the same boat. "In the future everyone will be asked what they did during the revolutionary transitional period to relieve the difficult conditions facing the people and give them

hope," he said. Social Democrtic leader Ibrahim Boehme said: "I believe such participation is only possible if all parties and groups at the roundtable join in an emergency without long coalition negotiations

that would further damage the country." Boehme's party has mushroomed from nowhere to become a growing force as the May 6 elections approach and could be further bolstered by the charismatic former Communist Party Deputy Chairman Wolf-

gang Berghofer, the Dresden mayor, who quit his party Sunday. He and 39 other Dresden party members said they would not be

cial Democratic policies. Berghofer said the Communist Party should dissolve itself to take responsibility for its Stalinist

seeking office but supported So-

Over the weekend the Communist leadership resisted such calls and instead tried to purge its ranks by expelling virtually all remaining former polithuro mem-

One of those thrown out was former party chief Egon Krenz. Opposition leaders joined with Modrow Monday in denouncing a newspaper report that army and

NEW DELHI (Agéncies)

Government investigators filed

preliminary charges against the

Swedish arms manufacturer A.B.

Bofors Monday, accusing the

company of cheating India out of

\$37 million in a 1986 arms deal.

United News of India reported.

Delhi court also accused un-

named Indian government offi-

cials of criminal misconduct lead-

ing to the loss of 640 million

rapees (\$37.6 million), the news

the first step by new Prime Minis-

ter V.P. Singh towards fulfilling

his election campaign promises to

root out corruption he says

flourished under his predecessor,

A.B. Bofors has rejected

Gandhi's government signed

allegations of wrongdoing.

The reported legal action was

agency said.

Rajiv Gandhi.

Papers filed with a special New

charges against Bofors

secret police units are planning

The coup report appeared in Monday's editions of West Germany's mass-circulation Bild newspaper, which said that a general strike could trigger such

an armed takeover. In must decisively reject as provocation a report in today's Bild newspaper," Modrow told

Communits, opposition leaders and others engaged in the nego-Modrow then cited the report that a coup was being planned,

that weapons had allegedly been handed out and exercises undertaken as preparation. "Overnight, I consulted with

the national defence minister and the interior minister, and had the sitution checked," Modorw said. "The weapons are stored and nowhere have there been (joint)

Modrow also said he was convinced there were no plans for an opposition-led general strike, which Bild claimed was being prepared if the government does not make key concessions. Bild cited unidentified opposition sources for the information about the reputed coup plans.

Boehme, of the Social Democratic Party, said the Bild report undermines public confidence in the government. Wolfgang Schnur, a top official of the Demokratische Aufbruch Movement, called the Bild report a "horror story."

New Forum delegate Ingrid Koeppe also criticised the Bild report, saving her movement did not provide the newspaper with the information and denying that the group planned a general

the 1986 contract with Bofors and

agreed to pay \$1.4 billion for four

hundreds 155-millimetre howitzer

field guns. But the following year

charges surfaced in Swedish and

The charges gave Singh a

powerful weapon in last Novem-

ber's election. Although Gandhi

outpolled Singh, he could not

muster a majority of seats in

parliament and Singh formed a

Gandhi also has denied the

The newspapers claimed as

much as \$50 million in kickbacks

were paid to intermediaries, in-

cluding people close to Gandhi

and the ruling circles of his Con-

The charges filed Monday were

lodged by India's Central Bureau

of Investigation (CBI).

charges of corruption in his gev-

Indian news media.

minority government

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gress Party.

suggestion really," said the princess. She said her travels on behalf of the Save the Children's

Fund, of which she is president,

have made her more concerned

about what she sees at home.

'Batman' loses duel

Anne hopes for

better role models

LONDON (AP) — Princess

monarch, says she wishes her

children had better role models.

"I look around and wonder what

sort of examples they have to

look up to now," the daughter of

Queen Elizabeth II told a BBC.

Radio interviewer. "That wornes

me. I don't think there are very

many... I think their elder gen-

eration is to blame for that."

Anne, 39, who separated from

her husband, Mark Phillips, in

August, said she is not very strict

with her -12-year-old son and

eight-year-old daughter. "I don't

heard.' It would be very nice but I

think it's rather an impractical

go along with the 'seen and not

Anne, daughter of a reignin

BURBANK, California (AP) — Adam West, the caped crusader in the "Batman" TV show, lost his dynamic duel against advertising agencies that produced a commercial using an actor who had his bat moves down well. West, who still dresses up as Batman for public appearances, sought \$900,000 in damages for invasion of privacy, unfair competition and unauthorised use of an endorsement. But Burbank Supervisor Court Judge Stephen O'Neil ruled that the central issue was a contractual one that had nothing to do with West's portrayal of Batman. "Adam West is a talented actor, but he was an actor, not the creator of Batman," O'Neil said. The 30second commercial was produced for Zayre, a discount store chain. West, 59, had insisted the imposter trampled on his artistic expression. "When you look at the Mona Lisa, you don't think of identifying the copy with the ori-

Armoured car bandit * surrenders to FBI

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A for-

mer armoured car guard kept his

ginal," he said.

promise and has surrendered to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) two years to the day after he says he stole \$651,000. "America is a great country," Edward Leigh Hunt, 26, said as federal agents hustled him away Saturday. Hunt - who said he Indian government files gambled away the booty during his two years on the lam following the Jan. 20, 1988, Philadelphia holdup - said in a Dec. 20 letter to his hometown paper, the Wilmington (Delaware) News Journal, that he would give himself up. As promised, he showed up at midday Saturday in front of the downtown Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce. Shirtless and wearing blue Jeans and brown leather shoes, H nt walked to the middle of a street, raised his arms and surrendered to four FBI agents. "Clear the way," the agents barked at reporters and camera crews as they led Hunt, looking pale and frightened beneath wet shoulderlength bair, inside the chamber building. Several youths who. identified themselves only as: friends of hunt applauded and yelled, "Yeah' Lee," and "Let him speak." as he was led inside. Hunt was being questioned by federal agents and would be booked at a U.S. marshal's office, said FBI spokesman Fred Reagan. Hunt was to be arraigned Monday on federal interstate theft charges, Reagan

Bombings bring warning of more hate crimes in U.S. By Robert Green

"had come to get me" Saturday

Hubert de Ronceray of the

but he escaped and was in hiding

rightist Mobilisation for National

Development Party, who got his

deportation order late Saturday,

said on arrival in Miami that he

was the army's real target and

"the government killed him (the

colonel) because they made a

Prosper Avril

mistake."

Renters

WASHINGTON — Two fatal bombings in December have brought warnings from the government about a growing thret of violence in the United States from hate groups pushing their own style of bigotry. "We face a mounting

threat," Attorney General Dick Thornburgh, the country's chief law enforcement official, said in a recent speech. "Some 230 hate groups in the United States have multiplied racial violence eight-fold over the

The bombs — both sent by post - killed white Federal Judge Robert Vance near Birmingham, Alabama, and black attorney Robert Robinson in Savannah, Georgia. Vance had made several rulings in favour of civil rights and against hate groups.

Two other mail bombs were

found at a federal courthouse in

Atlanta, Georgia and the Jacksonville. Florida, office of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), one of the biggest and oldest of U.S. civil

Federal investigators said all four bombs were similar and probably were sent by the same person or group, but no suspects have been identified. The previously unknown Americans for a Competent

Federal Judicial System claimed responsibility for the bombings and threatened to kill other judges, lawyers and NAACP officials in retaliation for alleged sexual attacks by blacks against white women. "When we hear of bombings,

obscene phone calls, hate mail --- each one of us must speak out. And there is no place for the baggage of bigotry in the United States of America," President George Bush said at a White House ceremony marking the birthday of the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. the black civil rights leader who was assassinated in 1968. Thornburgh said the bomb-

ings were part of an increase in attacks by hate groups against blacks, Jews, Asians and other minorities. "Our continuing course will

be to investigate, indict and punish those who unleash their bigotry and intolerance in cowardly acts of anonymous vandalism, open abuse or conspiratorial violence," he said. He said the justice department had prosecuted 62 defendants in 41 racial cases last

year, twice as many as in any

single year before, and had won almost every case. Groups he cited included those with names like the Order, White Aryan Resistance and Posse Comitatus, which all advocate white supremacy.

Daniel Levitas of the Altanta-based Centre for Democratic Renewal said there were about 20,000 hardcore activists in the

hate groups with another 200.000 supporters.

The Ku Klux Klan, the postcivil war group whose hooded members terrorised blacks with lynchings and beatings, is still active with cross burnings and other acts of intimidation but it has split into some two dozen factions with a total membership of about 5,000, accordmg to Levitas.

So-called skinheads, mostly teenagers and young men, have about 3,000 members in groups across the country, he said. "The past decade saw a re-

surgence of bigoted violence," Levitas said in an interview. Klan-Watch, an Alabama organisation, said there had been 100 racially mofivated shootings and assaults, 11 murders and 60 cross-burnings in the past two years.

Mira Boland of the B'nai B'rith anti-Defamation League, a Jewish organisation, said all the hate groups except the skin-

heads seemed to be losing membership and none had gained any significant influence in the United States. Some groups have used com-

pters and cable television to

promote their views and seek new members and funds. Dr. James Breiling of the National Institute of Mental Health said studies of those who join hate groups, mainly poor white men, found they often feared the loss of jobs and status to blacks and other minorities.

"people feel threatened and frustrated," Breiling said. A former KKK member. David Duke, was elected to Louisiana state legislature last year as a Republican. -Dake, now a member of the

National Association for the Advancement of White People. is seeking the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate this year and may run as an independent if he fails to get the party bid as expected.

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